



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:44pm

Supervisors Present: Ken Marchetti, Wendy Sacks, Clayton Gerard,

Supervisors Absent: Shawn Bruckman,

Guests: Denyse Schrenker, Stephen Jaouen

Approval of Minutes: motion to approve by Clayton. Ken brought up opting out of FAML I and wanted clarification for if we need to fill out a resolution. Ken would like to see under the minutes- move to opt out of FAML I program completely and provide all necessary documentation to the FAML I program. Clayton motioned to approve, seconded by Scott S.

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held September 14, 2022

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones	80	400
Scott Schlosser	25	75
Wendy Sacks	10	20
Clayton Gerard	8	75
Shawn Bruckman		
Jay Taylor	7	13
Ken Marchetti	18	15

Treasurer's Report:

Alpine Checking Account balance: \$26,855.53

Money Market Account balance: \$30,660.88

Budget Update:

- Ken went over the new budget and financial report and stated that the financial reports need to be published on our website in our minutes.
- He then went over our new revenue and pointed out the big differences in upcoming years. He highlighted two grant opportunities that we will need to keep an eye on if we receive the grants.
- He listed out all new expense categories. What's our budget, and what is our forecast and budgeting for 2023.
- Highlighted is health insurance for Laura through CEBT. Government entities health insurance plan. Good quality and better rates than in the private sector.
- Updated Funds set aside for Salary for Laura and Technician at an 8% increase.
- Cliffs money is placed under PR
- Anticipated legal + election costs were added and Ken mentioned that he will be reaching out to Gretchen to gain better understanding for expenses and potential granting opportunities.
- Bottom of expenses: projects with current grant funding and anticipated grant funding that may come in 2023.
- We will need to include expenditure for polling, which is not listed on the expenditures.
- Scott Jones mentioned that the CDA provides service for grant writing assistance.
- Scott Jones asked if it matters whether we enter elections on an odd or even year and Ken brought up the option for a coordinated election.
- Denyse mentioned that if Holly Loff or the CDA is unavailable for grant writing assistance then Laura Hartmen with the Adam Palmer Fund is a good resource as well.
- Scott J mentioned the opportunity for fundraising and a quarterly newsletter. Scott S says it is not a dedicated fund source but good to have as an option.

Topics to Discuss:

Health Insurance + Retirement:

1. We will compare both plans side by side for cost benefit
2. Laura mentioned the need to add dental as well.

Project Updates:

1. STAR-
 - a. Laura stated that the remaining equipment funds (\$1,018.2) have been added to our bank account. Scott Schlosser moves to approve the funds to go towards Chris Adams. Wendy and Shawn voted yes through email. Jay would like clarification from the CDA for why the funds were deposited in our account and to request approval for it to go towards Chris Adams. If the CDA approves the request, the board agrees to give Chris the money. Laura will state that the board has approved to give Chris the money, and if the CDA approves the funds, then ECCD will give \$1,018.21 to Chris. Jay made a motion and Scott S seconded. All approved.

2. DROUGHT

- a. \$1,023- Clayton recommended that the funds go as an award to our seed program at our upcoming annual meeting.

3. VENCE

- a. End of Season Meeting: December 15- which should stay with producers using VENCE.
- b. VENCE was bought by Merck
- c. NRCS is pushing to get VENCE in their portfolio. Stephen would love ECCDs participant input and data findings to support their push for geofencing policy.
- d. Stephen mentioned a work session in February, with data to talk about and open the doors to potential producers joining the project

Long Range Plan DUE 1/1/2023:

- The board has approved for Laura to draft the Long Range plan for the board to review for December meeting

Annual Meeting 11/9:

1. Brush Creek Pavilion
2. Cowboy Catering
3. Speakers
 - a. Roy Pholtzgraff- Soil Health Practices
4. Small and Large Conservationist of the year: Need to pick small & large conservationist of the year. Motioned to approve by Clayton, Scott S seconded. Ken was abstained from voting on small.
 - a. Small- The Horse Pasture
 - b. Large- Chris Estes

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

5. October 21- Ethical Leadership Forum- \$75 Clayton moves to approve for Laura to go if she can, Ken seconded. All approve.
6. November 5- New Roots Fundraiser - Denyse asked for clarification for if ECCD would fund beef for the fundraiser. Their goal is 50 people. The food will be donated by Clayton and Scott J, with ECCD listed as a sponsor. The goal of the fundraiser is to connect community to local food. The beef will be prepared by the caterer. 11-2pm at Eagle River Center.
7. November 9- ECCD Annual Meeting
8. November 28- December 2- CACD Annual Meeting-

Broad discussion on other events that have happened in the past month- meetings, conferences, etc.

NRCS Report:

- Dayton Knutson is leaving the NRCS and is stepping down at the beginning of the year. There are 6 engineer positions for area 1 going out. Hopefully the announcement comes out soon. Stephen is representing Grand Junction and Delta, and has his hands full.
- Equip obligated \$35 million dollars at the state level Looking at EQIP application deadline will be due early December.
- Watershed update: Stephen said thank you for participating in the meeting.
- CAMP- Stephen will work with his staff to see if his team would like to start the CAMP process, providing NRCS staff members a connection to leading ag producers to learn hands on.

CSU Ext Update:

- Master Gardener applications close October 16th.
- Deadline passed for Colorado Ag Leadership Program

Mail Review:

Next Meeting Date: November 9, 2022

Adjourn: 8:16pm

Notes taken by: Laura Bohannon (District Manager)