



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:45

Supervisors Present: Scott Jones, Wendy Sacks, Scott Schlosser, Shawn Bruckman, Ken Marchetti

Supervisors Absent: Jay Taylor, Clayton Gerard

Guests: Tyler Maxwell, Dustin Schiflett, Robin Thompson, Denyse Schrenker

Approval of Minutes: Shawn moves to approve minutes, Ken seconds, all in favor

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held December 13, 2023

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones	4	
Scott Schlosser	80	20
Wendy Sacks	10	20
Clayton Gerard		
Shawn Bruckman	10	15
Jay Taylor		
Ken Marchetti	5	2

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

Topics to Discuss:

CDA Update:

- Working on the annual report - will be available by the middle of Feb
- CSCB joint meeting on the 17th
- Western Colorado Soil health food and farm forum - Jan 26th and 27th
- Sent a survey out, to see what the districts want, and will be working on new coffee hours
- District operations training in April in Grand Junction
 - Designed for District Managers to go through different statutory requirements

Fundraising & Election Updates:

- In the past month:
 - Working on one-on-ones with board members, for reaching out to potential donors
 - Splendido has been on pause, due to the holidays
 - Feb will be too early - March looks more likely
 - People start leaving town mid March
 - Between Feb 20th and March 16th
 - Feb 21st or 22nd could be options
 - Feb 28th or 29th are fallbacks, but Wendy will not be around
 - Feb 24th and 26th are no good
 - Need to start working on a guest list now
 - Laura will send list to board to fill out
- Laura created a corporate sponsorship deck for everyone
 - Can be for corporate sponsors, or individual donors as well
 - Slide 14 requires custom information
- Brochures have been created for everyone to pass out to potential donors
- Peer to Peer pages are set up for each board members - they can receive donations through their page, update their story, and goals.
- Need to start working on a lead donor - to provide a matching gift
 - Robin will join any meetings as necessary
- Robin ran through the Campaign Plan
- Scott Jones to reach out to the The Walton Foundation
- Robin - we will keep her on for the remainder of the month

- Election - sponsorships, partnerships
 - Speaking to CAC, EVLT
 - EVLT will be joining our board meeting next month

General Fund Budget:

- Laura added the District Conservation Technicians hourly wage into the master financial statement
- She then presented the General Fund Budget, along with the resolution & the board approved to submit it to DOLA pending an update from Garfield Counties assessed value.

- Ken makes motion to approve the budget, Wendy seconds, all in favor, motion passes

Technician Update:

- We are starting interview process for a technician

Program Updates:

1. Beyond Lawn
 - a. Sending in annual report next week
2. VENCE
 - a. We received the no-cost extension,, and so the study will continue into 2025
3. STAR
 - a. No updates

Upcoming Events:

- CCSRM GJ, March 12 - VENCE Update
- 1/24: Vail Rotary Presentation
- 2/5 : Horse Pasture HOA
- 2/20: Lake Creek HOA

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

NRCS Report:

- December - all employee meeting (Area 1)
- EQIP - non irrigation applications are being turned around into a contract within 45 days (“act now”)
- 32 active applications
 - Only one was non-irrigation
- Acting engineer - acting stint ended, she has returned home
- Submitted engineering workload to Chad
- Still hiring for Engineer, Range Specialist, and Soil Conservationist
- Continued resolutions for funding the government that expires on the 19th
 - Tyler will have to fly home if there is a shutdown
- Still looking for CSP participants
 - Will present on CSP if we have any events/presentations coming up
 - “Enhancements” payments for CSP
 - Practices that you are willing to enhance (i.e. prescribed grazing, body conditioning), once documented, can receive payments for the practices

- Have to be EQIP certified (basic FSA eligibility)

CSU Ext Update:

- Offer has been extended to applicant for the open 4-H specialist position
- Todd Hangen - hosting a workshop on using drones on the ranch
- Colorado Building Farmers program - registration is still open
 - Starts on Jan 23rd
- Tri-county pesticide applicator workshop on March 13th
 - CEC that will be covered 103 , 107, 109
- CDA Colorado Seed Tool launched recently

Mail Review: no mail

Next Meeting Date: February 14, 2024

Adjourn: Wendy moves to adjourn

Notes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Lead Technician

Action Items:

- Send zoom link to Tyler for tomorrow's informational interview