



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Agenda October 11th, 2023
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:37pm

Supervisors Present: Scott Jones, Scott Schlosser, Wendy Sacks, Clayton Gerard Jay Taylor, Shawn Bruckman, Ken Marchetti

Supervisors Absent: N/a

Guests: Robin Thompson, Dustin Shiftlett

Approval of Minutes: Shawn moves to approve the minutes. Scott S seconds. Motion passes.

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

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones	10	100
Scott Schlosser	18	60
Wendy Sacks	15	30
Clayton Gerard	10	4
Shawn Bruckman	20	20
Jay Taylor	6	7
Ken Marchetti	12	12

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

- Con't Preliminary 2024 Budget:
 - Only changes to September budget: Combining revenue for elections to one budget item
 - Colo Trust- Ken would like to change bank accounts to a money market fund, made for governmental entities to help invest some money.

- Ken made the motion to authorize opening a new bank account with Colo Trust. Shawn seconded. Motion passes.
- Laura will schedule a meeting with Ken & retirement group to continue the conversation to start a 401 for Laura and Allegra.

Guests:

Robin Thompson

- Levels of service:
 - DIY- build a foundation of tasks with examples, give ECCD homework assignments and she will fine tune the details. Help Identify potential donors.
 - Mid Level- Come up with a script for what to say during meetings with donors. Can call for assistance. Will provide weekly meetings.
 - Upper level- She will help attend donor meetings. Admin-Will help some with setting up meetings. Robin can draft the emails for board members to send out for meetings.
- Contacts donors via mail, email or phone calls- depends on the donor.
- Jones- what is the biggest bang for your buck? -Peer to peer fundraising (people approaching other people).
- Ken made a motion to accept Robins contract for 2 months for the all-inclusive proposal and to reassess her service moving into 2024. Jay seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Dustin Shiflett:

- La Platta Conservation District is also going for a mill levy.
- How did we come up with the \$200,000?- estimating 40,000 voters, and cost from printers for ballots and tabor notices. The rest is for staffing, legal and public relations.
- Supervisor training through CSCB is now available.
- 2 resolutions passed at the watershed level. 1- Agrivoltaics. 2- Increasing NRCS employees and improving the HR department.

Topics to Discuss:

Elections Next Steps:

- ECCD is ready to address the public at large for going to elections.
- Laura will be spending the next 5 months getting in front of all stakeholders, municipalities, HOAs and partners to get ECCD's name out.
- Laura will look to combine campaign outreach with Robin's fundraising efforts.

Annual Meeting Update: 4 Eagle Ranch; Nov 8

- No silent auction
- Guest Speakers-
 - Lanny Ellis with Ground UP- live microscopy
 - ECCD Presentation, Elections + Fundraising: Laura & Ken

- Laura will ask Robin to attend and seek opportunities to turn the annual meeting into fundraising opportunity
- Shawn will announce Conservationist of Year:
 - Large: Colorado River Ranch; Worms
 - Small: Eagle Vail Community Garden: Kristy Bidel & Mary Ferrero

CACD Annual Meeting:

- Ken motions to approve \$300 for Laura to attend the CACD Annual Meeting to stay at the event hotel. Wendy seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Program Updates:

1. Beyond Lawn
 - a. Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations start on Monday
 - b. Seeking matches from TOG & TOE
2. VENCE
 - a. Sending in another round of reimbursements
3. STAR
 - a. Producer forms are going in to CDA for reimbursement
 - b. 3 new producers: Haebler, Keisch & BCVROS
 - c. Shawn suggests Diamond Star apply for Zero Foodprint
4. AtBC
 - a. Scott makes a motion to approve Chuck Restivos application. Clayton seconds. Motion passes

Upcoming Events:

1. November 8-ECCD Annual Meeting
2. November 13-17 CACD Resource Committee meetings (every evening at 6:30pm)
3. December 4-5 - CACD Annual Meeting

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

NRCS Report:

- 2 engineers are back after potential government shutdown.
- Waiting for applications for an engineering position in Glenwood.
- Hiring incentives are now available for staffing.
- Next job post: range specialist & soil conservationist coming soon.
- Budget in CO: \$80 million. Last year: \$50 million. Doubling EQIP amount
- Stewardship Program: 5 year contract to be paid for what you're already doing. Max amount: \$40,000. All land can be enrolled-crop, range, pasture. Can include enhancements. You have to be EQIP eligible. No deadlines are set right now.
- December 1st will soon be the deadline for EQIP.

CSU Ext Update: N/A

Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date: November 8, Annual Meeting

Adjourn: 8:52pm Scott Schlosser,

Notes taken by: Laura Bohannon, District Manager