



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2024
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:47

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

Supervisors Absent: Scott Jones

Guests: Tyler Maxwell, Robin & Tim Thompson, Greg Welsh, Denyse Schrenker, Jessica Foulis, Dustin Shiflett

Approval of Minutes: Approve - Scott S. Second - Wendy. motion passes, minutes approved.

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held January 11, 2023

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Scott Jones		
Scott Schlosser	15	50
Wendy Sacks	4	20
Clayton Gerard	15	450
Shawn Bruckman	4	12
Jay Taylor	4	7
Ken Marchetti	4	2

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

DCT Introduction:

- Greg Welsh - hired on as the new DCT-IRA technician
- Will work 80% with NRCS, 20% with ECCD
 - On our payroll 100%, funded through CDA grant

- Start date with ECCD is March 11th - is starting the onboarding process with NRCS before then

CDA:

- April 21st - districts invited to take place in district ops training - Junction
- Survey will be sent out soon to determine how many employees/board members will attend

Topics to Discuss:

Partnership w/ EVLT:

- Local nonprofit land trust - only accredited land trust in Eagle County
 - Conservation easements on public and private land
 - Expanded recently - have worked on 39 properties
 - Mostly Eagle County, some Routt, some Grand
- Missions closely aligned with ECCD
 - EVLT wants to be efficient and effective with disseminating info to landowners, and thinks partnering with ECCD can help facilitate that
- Partnership ideas from EVLT
 - Recently acquired the Wildflower farm property - conservation center
 - ECCD Programming
 - Demonstration gardens (Beyond Lawn)
 - Difficulty recruiting landowners on EVLT board (time commitment)
 - EVLT want to ensure landowner representation and perspective
 - EC land use code rewrite - comp plan for unincorporated EC
 - Interested in hearing ECCD perspective/Rancher perspectives
 - EVLT wants to work closely with ECCD once they know what the process looks like for the rewrite
- Would like to pursue partnership with ECCD, to ensure landowner representation and efficient resource distribution
- Endorsement of ECCD elections
 - EVLT has a process to do so. This is something that they have done in the past
 - Cannot advocate, but can support and highlight programs, etc.

NRCS Agreement:

- LWG
 - Letter from Clint - start thinking about planning a local work group meeting
 - Needs to be convened by June
 - Once we have a date planned, let state office know
- UCA (Unfunded Cooperative Agreement)
 - New - used together with MOA
 - To quantify data - truck used, office space, etc.
 - Do we need additional insurance for the NRCS vehicle Greg will be using?
 - Update budget for additional insurance?
 - Recommend: Add in "partners and affiliates" onto A(17) so that board members and partners can ride in vehicle
 - Verbiage likely won't be able to change via HQ , but Tyler will make the recommendations.

- RE: DCT - as per the UCA, the partner is liable for damage to the vehicle, insurance on the driver, etc. Per the DCT onboarding materials, the NRCS covers these items for the DCT.
 - Conflicting documents, Tyler will get answers for us.
- **Wendy moves to approve the UCA upon verification that the DCT agreement takes precedence over the UCA, in regards to the DCT vehicle insurance. Jay seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

Election & Fundraising Updates:

- Bob Cole & Magellan:
 - Have officially hired Bob Cole (has worked with conservation districts previously)
 - Working with Magellan - comparing voter list with landowner list
 - The process has started.
 - Contract - board of directors vs. board of supervisors. Does it matter?
 - Laura will inquire
- Splendido- March 21:
 - Officially booked
 - 46 seats to fill
 - Agenda will be created once we have confirmation of “owners support” for the library
 - 250\$ pp
 - Iron this out in contract (once wine and meat are secured)
 - Working to secure contract, once we have final number of guests
 - Work out in contract final prices
 - Beef and wine need to get sorted ASAP - to build menu, prices, and backup wine plans
 - Wine (Silver Oak)
 - Scott S. will contact the owners of Silver Oak - Tim and David Duncan
 - Backup: Shawn will check with her sister-in-law (food and bev manager at Vilar)
 - Update by the end of the week
 - Guest List
 - Splendido Owners List
 - In town invites
 - Phone call/text first, then physical mailed invitation
 - Robin will provide script
 - Out of town
 - Private dinner for when they are back in town, with Scott S and Laura
 - Will invite 60 people to try and fill the 46 spots
 - Board members will be present - no plus ones
 - Shawn is out of town
 - No TWP
 - Presentation
 - Laura
 - State Rep (Kate Greenburg?) (Jill Hunsinger/Ryan - CDPHE?) (Cindy Lair, Niki Brinson, etc)
 - Dustin will start at the top and work his way down within CDA
 - Board member
 - Ken - elections

- Paddles - might be able to borrow some (EVL, WM)
- Setting up weekly meetings, every Wednesday until Splendido until the event at 5:30 to discuss updates

Program Updates:

1. Beyond Lawn
 - a. Town of Eagle & Gypsum matching funds
2. VENCE
 - a. Interviewing seasonal technicians
3. STAR-n/a
4. ATBC-n/a

Upcoming Events:

- 2/20: Lake Creek HOA
- March: Horse Pasture HOA
- CCSRM GJ, March 12 - VENCE Update

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

NRCS Report:

See above

CSU Ext Update:

- Hiring for Admin position
 - Part time - full benefits
- Pesticide applicator license CEU in Glenwood Springs - March 13th
- CSU Forage and Grower update - 2/20 & 2/22
- Annie's Project
 - Empowering women in ag
 - Rick management on the ranch
 - Ask - Letter of support for ECCD
 - **Shawn moves to write a letter of support to support Annie's Project. Clayton seconds, all in favor, motion passes**

Mail Review: n/a

Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2024

Adjourn: Shawn moves to adjourn, Wendy seconds, all in favor, passes

Notes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Lead Technician

Action Items:

- Letter of support for Annie's Project