



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes September 4th, 2024
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:44

Supervisors Present: Wendy Sacks, Ken Marchetti, Jay Taylor, Shawn Bruckman

Supervisors Absent: Scott Jones, Scott Schlosser, Clayton Gerard

Guests: Cliff Thompson, Denyse Schrenker, Jessica Foulis, Stephen Jaouen

Approval of Minutes: approved

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held August 14th, 2024

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones		
Scott Schlosser		
Wendy Sacks	20	120
Clayton Gerard		
Shawn Bruckman	16	12
Jay Taylor	5	0
Ken Marchetti	12	4

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

2025 Budget:

- Forecast year updates
 - Donations
 - \$7,500 in donations
 - Loans
 - \$20,000 in loans

- Updates to election cost items
 - Printing - \$60,000
 - DEO - \$15,000
 - Other election costs - \$12,500
 - Legal - \$30,000
- \$27,096 ending balance

Guests:

Jessica Foulis, Eagle Valley Land Trust

- EVLT will be featuring ECCD in their upcoming newsletter, to highlight ECCD and provide information about the ballot measure
- Monthly column in the Vail Daily - in Sept. EVLT would like to highlight our partnership, and how ballot measure will maximize impact
- ELVT would like to utilize partnership to use volunteers on the potential Bocco Mountain project.

Topics to Discuss:

Election Updates & Ballot Language:

Ken makes a motion to adopt an election resolution, with the formal language to be prepared by a legal council, calling the election for November 5th, ratifying the appointment of Debbie Braught as DEO, and adopting the ballot language as follows:

Shall Eagle County Conservation District taxes be increased \$650,000 annually commencing in tax payment year 2025, and by such amounts as may be collected thereafter, from a property tax of 0.15 mills (estimated to cost \$10 per year for every \$1 million in home value) for the following purposes:

- *Ensuring adequate water supply by maintaining drinking water quality and the health of rivers and streams such as the Eagle and Colorado rivers by working with local residents and ranchers to improve water conservation;*
- *Restoring and protecting forest and grassland health to reduce the risk of wildfires to communities;*
- *Conserving populations of native birds, fish and wildlife such as bald eagles, elk, moose, and trout;*

With all expenditures subject to applicable legal requirements regarding an annual independent audit, as required by law; and shall such tax revenues and the earnings from the investment of such tax revenues be collected, retained, and spent as a voter-approved revenue change under Article X, section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law?"

Jay seconds. All in favor, motion passes

Annual Event:

Date: October 1st

Location: 4 Eagle Ranch

Agenda:

- Program Updates
- Election Updates
- Thanking of donors
- Speaker

- Shawn is inquiring about a speaker that will speak on carbon sequestration
- Changing award to "Conservationist of the Year"
 - One award to Kathy Chandler-Henry
 - One award to Linn and Gary Brooks

Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee & TOE Open Space Project:

- ECCD is working with ERWC, to collaborate with ToE Open Space, in an effort to improve forage quality for wildlife in the winter.
- Two week of field work completed
- Report is being worked on currently
 - Goal is to provide recommendations for improving soil health and revegetation, using ECCD seed mixes
- Potential for future work with ToE Open Space and ERWC
- Noxious weed mapping on the property as well
 - About 200 acres

DCT Update:

- AtBC
 - No new applications at this time
 - Likely to have a few application come in soon
- Colorado Soil Health Program
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Other Program Updates:

- VENCE
 - Field season wrapped up on August 30th
 - Techs will continue working on data entry in September for a few hours
 - Truck was returned 9/4 to Clayton
- Beyond Lawn
 - 3 evaluations left in September
 - 65 evaluations total in year one - contractual obligation was for 60 over 3 years
 - Laura will be presenting at the water symposium on 9/5
 - CWCB will be shadowing ECCD next week during our Beyond Lawn evaluations

Updated Events:

- 9/5: Water Symposium- Laura to Present @2024 Water Conservation Symposium
- 9/10: Singletree Garden Party

- 9/12: Watershed Meeting
- 10/1: ECCD Annual Event

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

NRCS Report:

- Personnel:
 - New engineer is now in office
 - RC position - reopen the position next month
 - Chad is doing interviews this week for RTL position
- New Working Land Owners Alliance project for non-lethal predator management
 - Early October meeting to determine NRCS planning - Stephen will keep ECCD posted
- End of fiscal year approaching for NRCS

CSU Ext Update:

- Master Gardener application period is open until September 15th
- Planning for Annie's Project - sometime in late October/early November
- Still waiting to post admin/tech position

Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

Adjourn: 8:07pm

Notes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Program Manager

Action Items: