



# EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Meetings March 13, 2024  
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

**Meeting called to order at: 5:40**

**Supervisors Present:** Scott Jones, Scott Schlosser, Wendy Sacks, Clayton Gerard, Ken Marchetti

**Supervisors Absent:** Jay Taylor

**Guests:** Greg Welsh, Tyler Maxwell, Stephen Jaouen, James Dilzell, Denyse Schrenker, Robin Thompson, Shawn Bruckman

**Approval of Minutes:** Shawn approves, Clayton seconds

**Roll Call Reports:** Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held February 14, 2023

<b><u>BOARD MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>HOURS</u></b>	<b><u>MILES</u></b>
Scott Jones	10	0
Scott Schlosser	6	30
Wendy Sacks	20	40
Clayton Gerard	4	5
Shawn Bruckman	15	14
Jay Taylor		
Ken Marchetti	8	4

**Treasurer's Report:**

**[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)**

- We now have our adopted budget and forecasted budget for 2024
- Annual plan of work is submitted to county, we will be receiving close to \$8,000

**Guests:**

Eagle River Community Water Plan Draft:

- 7 year process

- Meant to provide an analysis of past, present, and future use analysis
  - Prevent increasing challenges, mitigate issues, correct historical degradation
  - Will provide decision making tools for ERC and county partners
  - ERC hopes that this will guide local policy and direct funding to local entities
- Covers the ERW, but not entire river system (does not include homestake creek, front range water issues kept this piece out)
  - Hopes include more of the watershed in future iterations
- Based on the same modeling platform that the Colorado River District uses, along with historical water quality data collected by ERC and ERWSD.
- Goes to ERC board on 3/14 for first approval
- After approval, it will be distributed to partners for editing, adoption
  - Not content feedback, but clarification feedback
- ERC is starting several projects to address issues brought forward by the water plan, that there is current funding for
- ECCD recommends changing the language covering agriculture to:
  - Pg. 57:
    - Remove the use of “open space” to describe agricultural lands.
    - Integrate the benefits of agriculture to soil health and thus infiltration and water quality
  - Connect the importance of infrastructure improvements with water efficiency, to create funding opportunities for senior water rights holders
  - Provide a connection of wildlife habitat use with agricultural lands
  - Look into Brush Creek specifically as to the historical cause of degradation, as currently it is attributed to agriculture in the report but it is likely caused by Eagle County water tank.
- The plan will be updated every 5 years, and ECCD will be a part of future revisions and discussions in smaller group settings rather than a large stakeholder meeting.

### **Topics to Discuss:**

#### Exemption From Audit:

- Wendy moves to approve the Exemption From Audit to be submitted to DOLA, Shawn seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

#### Program Updates:

- VENCE
  - 2 technicians have been hired, and CSU intern in process
    - 22 ECCD applications
    - 2 CSU intern applications
  - Retta Bruegger (CSU) presented the initial analysis of the feedback data at CSSRM
    - Major themes
      - 24% of feedback themes address challenges and issues with the technology - overwhelming majority
      - 10% of the feedback themes addressed benefits
- STAR
  - Year 3 check ins
- Beyond Lawn
  - We have officially received matching funds from ToG and ToE for Beyond Lawn

- About \$40,000
  - We have opened up the Spring scheduling platform for Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations
- AtBC
  - Contract
- DC Technician

#### Splendido & Election Update

- TA Letter (Trust for Public Lands)
- Board & Voter List Update (Ken)-
  - We have started the process with legal counsel - Bob Cole
    - Need to clarify voting and eligibility requirements of board members
    - Ken and Laura will provide paperwork to applicable board members
      - Deadline is before we adopt election resolution
  - Magellan has begun going through voter lists
    - We should get those lists in the next couple of weeks
- Printers
  - Will need to go in contract by June with the printer and provide \$\$
- Splendido
  - Currently we have 6 invites
  - Need to send out evites
- Contract with Robin
  - Reassess after Splendido

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

#### **NRCS Report:**

- Tyler is headed back to TX in 9 days
- EQIP season - preapproving right now
  - 2 non-irrigation applications in the GS FO
  - 2 irrigation applications in the GS FO
- CSP - \$200,000 in Eagle County
- Unfunded Cooperative Agreement
  - Currently, only need contact info for District Manager and President
  - We will likely see it for signature October 2024
- Local Work Group Meeting
  - Need to hold before July 31st
  - Need to set a date soon
- Personnel
  - Stephen is in a new role as RC for Area 1

- Will be putting out an announcement to hire for Stephen's position

**CSU Ext Update:**

- Rocky Mtn Oyster Fry is this Saturday at 5pm at Eagle River Center
- SB24-031
  - Giving local authorities the ability to fine people for noxious weed violations
  - <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-031>
  - If passes, will come into effect this summer
  - CACD
- HB24-1178
  - Local government authority regulate pesticides
  - <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1178>
  - CACD opposes

**Mail Review:**

**Next Meeting Date:** April, 2024

**Adjourn:** 9:45 pm, Scott S. moves to adjourn, Shawn seconds, all in favor

**Notes taken by:** Allegra Waterman-Snow, Lead Technician

**Action Items:**

- Laura reach out to Kallie to recommend ECCD helps with SB24-031 adoption and local ordinances