



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes May 10th, 2023
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:41pm

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

Supervisors Absent: Jay Taylor

Guests: Linn Brooks, Maryanne Cederstrom, Stephen Jaouen, Stephanie Pitt, Todd Winslow Pierce

Approval of Minutes:

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held April 12, 2023

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones		
Scott Schlosser	12	30
Wendy Sacks	20	20
Clayton Gerard	10	18
Shawn Bruckman	12	12
Jay Taylor		
Ken Marchetti	2	0

Guests:

1. Linn Brooks
 - a. Running for the Holy Cross Energy Board
 - i. Open Northern District Seat
 - ii. Her background is Science and Engineering
 1. CO Water Congress
 2. 2 decades of experience
 - b. Ballots mailed on May 16th

- i. Can vote by ballot, or on your Holy Cross Account
- 2. Cliff Thompson
 - a. We don't know how much work we need to do before elections - need a midterm report
 - i. Best accomplished by funding a survey to give us a snapshot of where we are now, and if it's a realistic proposition to go to ballot in 15 months.
 - ii. 18K for a survey to accomplish this
 - 1. A snapshot of where we are with our outreach efforts (statistical)
 - 2. Publicity and also a statistical view of if we should go to ballot
 - b. Leverage the board's power in fundraising for the 18K
 - c. Timeline - the sooner the better
 - i. Magellan can turn a survey around in about 10 days
 - ii. We help with the survey build
- 3. Todd Winslow Pierce
 - a. Lifetime resident of Vail area
 - i. Pro photographer for 23 years
 - b. 2019 - pilot project with Land Trust and other organizations, started a non-profit photo project
 - i. EagleValleyWild.org
 - ii. Provides photography for free or low cost for conservation organizations that don't have the financial resources for a professional photographer
 - 1. Can provide tailored photography for specific projects
 - 2. Focus on community outreach projects/overlap
 - c. Area of Focus: Private Lands Stewardship - important overlap with us
 - d. Various sponsors - Vail Health, etc. (partnerships - photos provided in return for sponsorships)
 - e. Currently interested starting with VENCE photography
 - i. Going out with Clayton to shoot VENCE collaring
 - f. Motion to authorize Laura to sign an agreement with Todd re: use of his photos by ECCD, contingent upon future email approval of agreement
 - Shawn makes motion
 - Clayton seconds
 - Motion passes, all in favor

Treasurer's Report:

Master Financial Statement 2022/2023

- Only thing that has changed is that the 18K for the potential survey was written into the budget, to see what that would look like if we were not able to fundraise

Topics to Discuss:

EC Contract-

- We finally got our contract finalized and are under contract with the County
- Some language is different, County removed any language that involved them, Social Media, etc.
- Motion to authorize entering into contract with EC, subject to detailed review by Laura and subject to circulating with the board and if anyone has any concerns, they have 48 hrs to voice their concern, or their non-response will be taken as approval
 - Ken makes motion
 - Wendy second
 - Motion passes unanimously

Civil Rights Bill-

- Civil Rights Policy for review
- Memorandum of understanding between ECCD and NRCS
 - We signed at one point in time (2021)
- NRCS looks at our census data, and census of ag data, and see if our board makeup is similar to the constituents
 - We are consistent with census of ag data
- Anything that NRCS discusses with us - personal information - is under FOIA (not to be disclosed)
- Civil Rights training available through NRCS if anyone would like it
- Review Civil Rights Policy for more info
- ECCD needs to sign affirmation of review, that NRCS provided us with this info, and we reviewed it.
 - Board members present signed affirmation of review
 - Jay and Scott will need to sign it as well - docu sign

Local Workgroup Meeting-

- Scheduled for next Thursday (May 18th: 5-7pm)
- Don't have any ag producers RSVPed at this point
 - There's no minimum for amount of people, but we want to get more people there so that we can have an accurate representation for what the local community wants
 - If no RSVPs by Tuesday, we can push it back

Program Updates:

1. America the Beautiful Challenge
 - a. Colorado Department of Ag has received their side of the funding, and is working on our contract
 - b. Hopefully under contract by June - be on the lookout for that
 - i. Do we want to retroactively award cost share funds to people who have done treatments this year?
 1. YES IF:
 - a. They worked with Kallie or Denyse (for now)

- c. Applications approved on a rolling basis
- 2. VENCE
 - a. Truck
 - i. Clayton is sourcing, Jay is writing up a contract
 - ii. Motion to move ahead with the rental agreement with Clayton
 - Wendy makes motion
 - Shawn second
 - motion passes unanimously
 - (Clayton abstained his vote)
 - b. Tech Training
 - i. Intern was offered a position, TBD on acceptance
 - ii. Training May 22nd and 23rd for techs
- 3. Beyond Lawn
 - a. Website
 - i. Send people to this new website - link is forthcoming on website
 - ii. Has all resources we have compiled for the program (one stop shop)
- 4. STAR
 - Chris Adams is pulling out of the STAR program - we cannot replace his spot
 - a. Award
 - i. We got the 4 extra participants
 - ii. Need to figure out if its for 2024 or 2023 (award notice said 2023) - if it's 2023 we need to reach out to potential participants now
 - b. Soil Moisture Install
 - i. Installing with Denyse in June

Upcoming Events:

1. May 18- Local Workgroup Meeting (5-7pm)
 - a. Creekside Grill, Gypsum
2. May 24th - Avon Town Clean Up and Sustainability Fair (4:30 - 7:30pm)
 - a. 1 Lake St, Avon
3. May 25- DIY Landscape Conversion Workshop (4-6pm)
 - a. Lionshead Grand View Room
4. May 25 - Land Trust Lunch Event (11am - 1pm) to get input from stakeholders
 - a. Wildflower farm in Edwards
5. June 17th- 1st Minturn Farmers Market
6. July 8- Minturn Market
7. July 15- Gypsum Daze
8. July 22- Minturn Market
9. Eagle County Fair and Rodeo - July 24th - 29th

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

NRCS Report:

- Eagle River at 101% (not as good as everyone else)
- Colorado River running at Gore Canyon at 3600 (little less than double its mean)
 - Eagle is 1500 (about double its mean)
- Contracts - working through those - 9 contracts
 - Total for resource team is \$786,000 this year
 - 2 contracts in Eagle County (1 range, 1 soil)
- Want to find a different way of running fund pools (irrigation-type projects)
 - Separate it out by CDs to make sure there is more of a precise distribution
 - Can talk about at local workgroup more
- Personal
 - Possible 1 potential recent grad is HR gets lined up
 - Engineering announcement flew - won't hear anything for a while

CSU Ext Update:

- Denyse is not present, no CSU update

Mail Review:

- No Mail

Next Meeting Date: June 14, 2023

Adjourn: Wendy moves to adjourn, Ken seconds

Notes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, District Technician