



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at:5:40

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

Supervisors Absent: Shawn Bruckman

Guests: James Dilzell, Stephen Jaouen, Denyse Schrenker,

Approval of Minutes: Ken motions, Scott S seconds. Motion passes.

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held April 10, 2024

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones	3	0
Scott Schlosser	12	50
Wendy Sacks	12	20
Clayton Gerard	7	42
Shawn Bruckman		
Jay Taylor	6	7
Ken Marchetti	16	4

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

Guests:

James Dilzell- Outstanding Waters

- Seeking letter of support for Brush Creek to be awarded as "Outstanding Waters" (OW)

- Water quality must be equal to or better than the water quality standards for 12 key parameters. Brush creek qualifies. Once awarded, an OW receives special water quality protections within and upstream of the designation.
- 3 year rolling bases.
- Above park boundaries & confluence (Yeoman Park and Sylvan Lake)
- Wendy makes a motion to write a letter of support for the “Outstanding Waters” designation. Ken seconds motion, Clayton abstained. Motion passes.

Topics to Discuss:

Election & Fundraising Update:

- Voter List
 - Trial run to get list of voters: 14,000 voters
 - Will do again when we go to elections.
- Election Costs
 - Overview of new
- Fundraising to date
 - ECCD has raised \$76,000 so far with a couple of verbal commitments
 - 1 more fundraising event June 6 at Chris Fadrizzi's at 6pm in Eagle Ranch.
- DEO- Laura will be the “designated election official” and Allegra will be a “deputy”
- Survey
 - Wendy moves that we move forward with the survey. Clayton seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
 - Language from TPL -> circulate to the board for 24/48 hours -> Bob Cole.
- Next steps
 - Survey + fundraising event

Local Work Group Meeting:

- Set June 13th at 6pm

Program Updates:

- DCT
 - Completed ranch work day with Gerards
 - Seed & Seedling Sales
 - Field visits with NRCS Staff
 - Taking over STAR field for new producers
 - Personal management with small acreage properties
- VENCE
 - Vehicle Insurance- getting full coverage through StateFarm
 - Get quote on Special District Insurance to compare to StateFarm as we may need to transition
 - Two techs have signed their employment contracts
 - Kim Wynn
 - Hayes Henderson
 - One CSU intern is planning on joining for the season
 - All producers have their collars and have either started collaring or are already finished collaring

- Field season starts on June 3rd - one week of training
- STAR
 - Year 3 check ins are complete and are eligible for the 50/50 cost share
 - Year 1 producers (3 total) will receive their soil moisture meters and soil samples June 6th and will then be eligible for the 50/50 cost share
- Beyond Lawn
 - 42 evaluations have been performed - scheduling is closed right now until we catch up
 - Reports are being generated for each of the participants
 - No rebate applications have been submitted yet
 - Laura presented at “Lunch with the Locals” last week on Beyond Lawn
 - There is a DIY Beyond Lawn workshop next week at the Gypsum Rec Center
- AtBC
 - ECCD is under contract and is now accepting Noxious Weed Cost Share applications on a rolling basis.

TOE Open Space & Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee Project:

- Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee will be contracting ECCD to collect data and analysis on TOE Open Space with GroundUp.
- Next steps include touring the Open Space and going into a contractual agreement.

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

NRCS Report:

- Personnel:
 - New Detail (Resource Conservationist)- Hunter. Working for our area for the next 4 months. Chad will then fill this role.
 - Announcements for 3 new positions.
- EQUIP:
 - \$50,000 more this year.
 - 1 project in Eagle County District: 2 center pivots
- Snowpack: slightly below normal. Higher elevations doing well.

CSU Ext Update:

- New Admin: Sophia (Office Assistant)
- Grant opportunity
 - “Professional services” -Accounting, consulting, etc.
 - Conservation Districts cannot apply, but producers can.

Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2024

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn: Scott S, seconded by Ken. 7:38pm

Notes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Program Manager

Action Items: