



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes June 19th, 2024
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:48pm

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

Supervisors Absent: N/A

Guests: Lori Weigel, Kathryn Hahne, Jason Swann

Approval of Minutes: Wendy moves to approve the minutes, Scott S seconds. Motion passes

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held May 15, 2024

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones	6	60
Scott Schlosser	20	75
Wendy Sacks	12	30
Clayton Gerard	8	32
Shawn Bruckman	15	15
Jay Taylor	6	7
Ken Marchetti	12	4

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

Guests:

- New Bridge Strategy & Survey Analysis: Presentation on survey results
 - 270 surveys: Overall positive reception
 - Ballot measure: 60% Definitely vote yes, 27% Definitely vote no
 - What stood out (tested well): water, wildfire, preserve land/forest/nature, wildlife

- Drinking water, health of river/streams, adequate water supplies
 - Restoring and protecting forest and grassland health to reduce wildfire risk
 - Conserving populations of native species
- Tested lower:
 - Agriculture
 - soil health
 - “working with” local residents
- Why no: opposed to more taxes
- Dynamics:
 - Female voters more supportive
 - Democratic voters more supportive
- Issues committee:
 - Add to Budget: text outreach to those likely to vote yes

Topics to Discuss:

Election & Fundraising Update:

- Election Costs & Fundraising
 - Raised: \$72,215, Need: \$90,000 for District costs (additional funds will be raised by the issues committee)
 - Ask to Colorado River Ranch: Loan for \$90,000 (in the event this board is unable to pay this back, then it becomes a contribution) OR \$90,000 donation
 - On a monthly basis- submit financial request *or* fund upfront
- Website +
 - Board approved language pending an update on “how the money will be used” to be based off the survey results
- Outreach
 - Laura will begin to collect Resolutions of Support
 - ECCD will begin to send out mailers
 - Neighborhood Parties ideas:
 - Fundraising event at Chris Fadrizzi’s was a success with great feedback
 - ECCD will organize more outreach events; list of people/locations:
 - Wiggle Worm (Mid July 14th)
 - Eagle River Brewery
 - Linn/Gary Brooks (Avon)
 - Cordillera (connect w/ Schlosser)
 - Lake Creek
 - Jeff Laymon-Eagle Vail (connect with Wendy)
 - Betsy + Kristy + Mary- eagle vail garden (connect with Shawn)
 - Will Comeford/William day (Ebby Creek)
 - Horse Pasture- Ken or Trina Jacobs
 - Summer Annual Meeting- Laura will reach out to 4 Eagle Ranch, and Scott J will reach out to Lazy J. Aiming for end of August
- Issues Committee: Natural Resources Conservation Committee
 - FAQ- pros/cons issues committee
- **Ken suggests ECCD move its September Meeting to September 4th to meet the election resolution deadline.**

Program Updates:

- VENCE
 - BLM partnership expansion for Virtual Fencing: Funding provided by America's Public Lands through the Inflation Reduction Act for \$750,000
 - Looking for ECCD to manage and administer funds for on the ground VF projects
 - Laura will gather more information on types of projects APL would approve, and any funding that can go to ECCD for administration.
- STAR
 - ECCD has received \$12,000 for ongoing capacity for year 3 producers
 - All producers are set for this season and can apply for the 50/50 cost share
- Beyond Lawn
 - Meeting with ERWSD about the future of combining Turf Replacement Programs.
- AtBC
 - ECCD has received a few intake forms, no applications yet.

Updated Events:

- Fair and Rodeo- July 24-27
 - Wendy- personal sponsor on behalf of Conservation District
- Minturn Markets- June 29, Aug 3 & 24

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

NRCS Report: N/A

CSU Ext Update: N/A

Mail Review:

Next Meeting Date: July 10, 2024

Adjourn: 8:15pm Scott S

Notes taken by: Laura Bohannon, Executive Director

Action Items: