



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes July 10th, 2024
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:36

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

Supervisors Absent:

Guests: Greg Cooper, Denyse Schrenker, Lynn Feiger, Stephen Jaouen

Approval of Minutes: Wendy moves to approve minutes from last month, Scott S. second, motion passes

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held June 19th, 2024

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Scott Jones		
Scott Schlosser	15	30
Wendy Sacks	6	20
Clayton Gerard		
Shawn Bruckman	6	0
Jay Taylor	5	0
Ken Marchetti		

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

Guests:

Greg Cooper

- Running for County Commissioner District 1 seat

- Running against Matt Scherr, incumbent
- Here to talk about his platform, and his campaign
- Lynn Feiger
 - Minturn Town Council member
 - Feedback on Beyond Lawn program and capacity concerns

Topics to Discuss:

Election

- Budget
 - Scott Jones will have an update from CRR by the 20th, possibly sooner
 - The Natural Resources Conservation Committee (ballot initiative committee) has pledges of \$15k committed but needs an additional \$10k. This committee is unable to provide donation receipts for this since they are political contributions rather than charitable contributions. This committee needs “pledges” for this remaining \$10k.
- Resolution-Appoint Debbie Braucht as DEO
 - **Shawn makes a motion to approve posting the position of DEO, Wendy seconds, all in favor, motion passes**
 - **Ken makes a motion to approve the hourly rate of \$60/hr for the DEO position to be paid on a part time, temporary basis, Wendy seconds, all in favor, motion passes**
 - **Wendy makes a motion to appoint Debbie Braucht as DEO, pending no other applicants for the position. Shawn seconds, all in favor, motion passes**
- Board member
 - Ensure that all board members are continuing to pursue being a qualified board member
 - Laura will set up one on one meetings with all board members that need to finalize qualification
- Printing orders
 - We have a proposal and verbal commitment from the printer
 - Obtain written contract by next meeting so that the board can vote
 - Have not seen a direct quote yet, but will be under \$30K

Annual Meeting

- Considering October if hosting the Annual Meeting at 4 Eagle Ranch
 - October 2nd

Foundation for America’s Public Lands- BLM & VF Partnership-

- Meeting with BLM again to discuss projects before meeting again with grantors
- \$250K - \$325K for year one, with renewal for 2025 and 2026
- Administration
 - 10 - 15% of total budget
- Employees - range tech
 - Possibly ECCD, possibly BLM
 - Will be a backup for Allegra’s position if the Mill Levy does not pass

DCT Update

- AtBC
 - Working on AtB applicants
 - A dozen or so intake forms out right now
 - A few denials (Russian Olive)
- STAR
 - 3 new producers, installed new meters
 - Went out with Reese from CDA to meet with producers
- Field visits for noxious weed cost share questions, and other various technical assistance

Program Updates:

- AtBC
 - Day
 - Maher
 - The board will review on their own time,
 - **Shawn makes a motion to approve the two AtB applications pending we have a minimum of 4 board members approve through email, Scott S. seconds, all in favor, motion passes**
- VENCE
 - Almost halfway through the field season
 - Vence collar malfunction - Hammers
 - Rolling out a new Herd Manager this summer
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- STAR
- Beyond Lawn
 - 48 evaluations performed
 - Approved applications
 - 7 Turf Replacement
 - Total amount approved = **\$26,872.48**
 - 2 Efficient Irrigation
 - Total amount approved = **\$1,839.55**
 - ERWSD
 - Resource Central- Free Sod Cutting
 - Minturn Market

Updated Events:

- 7/19: BROOKS Garden Party
- 7/21: WIGGLE WORMS Garden Party
- 7/24-27: Fair and Rodeo (Saturday 27th: Board Member: Shawn Bruckman, Scott S.)
- 8/2: GONZALEZ Garden Party- August 2nd
- 8/3: Minturn Markets
- 8/24: Minturn Market
- 8/27: Steamboat Lake Rust Fungus field day

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

NRCS Report:

- Working on getting hires in
 - Tentative offer to a new Civil Engineer
 - Tentative offer to a regional Engineer
 - Final job offers pending
 - RTL next in line to get someone in
 - Looking to get someone in for detail for the position
- Finished with all program for 2024
 - CSP - over a million coming into the three counties
 - 500K to 600K in EQIP funds going to the three counties
- Water - normal range for base flows, and outside of drought risk in our area

CSU Ext Update:

- [Link for CDA Soil Health webinars](#)
- Native Plant Masters class starts next Friday
- [Custom Rates survey is out](#)
- [Ag Business team has put together some of the results from the 2022 census data](#)
- [Pasture to Profit](#)

Mail Review:

Next Meeting Date: August 14, 2024

Adjourn: Scott S makes motion to adjourn, Jay seconds, motion passes

Notes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Program Manager

Action Items:

- Yeti Cooler for Fair and Rodeo
- Allegra to email John A. about Annual Meeting