



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes August 9th, 2023
5:30pm at the Road and Bridge Facility in Gypsum, CO

Meeting called to order at: 5:35

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

Supervisors Absent:

Guests: Allie Schima, Cliff Thompson, Denyse Schrenker, Gina McCrackin

Approval of Minutes: Wendy moves to approve, Ken seconds, all approve

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

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>MILES</u>
Scott Jones	2	0
Scott Schlosser	2	15
Wendy Sacks	10	25
Clayton Gerard	8	30
Shawn Bruckman		
Jay Taylor	2	7
Ken Marchetti	6	14

Guests:

- Alexandra Schima-Natural Climate Solutions-Private Lands Partnership Presentation
 - Allie shared NCS and Private Lands Partnerships Study. This included data from focus groups with partners and EC local ranchers/stakeholders, GIS map analysis with land data info, identification of important private land parcels suitable for NCS projects, and several recommendations of what can be done with the data. Shared a Web Map link that can be used as a resource for identification of ideal parcels.

- This was created due to the identified need by CAC to scale up conservation efforts, and working with landowners to do so. This allows conservation partners to identify private landowners to reach out to, to work with them on conservation opportunities.

Treasurer's Report:

Master Financial Statement 2022/2023

Topics to Discuss:

Preliminary Survey Results:

- One week into survey, close to 500 responses.
- So far - survey looks good. 60th percentile "yes" and "likely yes"
- Magellan will have results next Wednesday.
- Laura will be creating a working group, to look over the final report, then address funding and next steps forward.

Program Updates:

1. America the Beautiful
 - a. Still waiting to go into contract and still waiting to hear back about a NEPA update.
 - b. ECCD portion of budget is submitted, waiting for other subgroups to finalize. Once NEPA approved, ECCD can request an advance on funding.
2. VENCE-
 - a. No Cost Extension - ECCD can extend the grant another year into 2025. There are enough funds to support Allegra, the research component of the project and 2025 collars.
 - b. Allegra is now funded full time through 2025.
3. Beyond Lawn-
 - a. MOU- Jay read the MOU and states that it looks good to him. Ken made motion, Wendy seconded upon Shawn's review.
 - b. Garden in a Box- board will wait for more information to move forward with partnership
4. STAR-
 - a. New potential producers- Fitzsimmons (20 acres); Mike (&ann) Luark 524-9734; Round Up River Ranch;
 - b. Contract- Shawn made a motion to approve the STAR contract for Laura to sign. Jay seconded. Motion passes.
 - c. Adding non-equip eligible participants: Shawn will send out an email to inquire about promoting ranchers already implementing soil health practices. It's not about the money, but the principle- to be a participant without the money.

Soil Health Workshop- A STAR Event:

- September 6th, 4-7pm
- Marlon Winger is guest speaker, more of a hands on take
- Lalita, from GJ will be presenting on rainfall simulation from NRCS
- CDA, GroundUp, CSU Extension are sponsoring.
- Several booths - Walking Mountains, GroundUp, Master Gardeners, Land Trust
- Currently have 15 or 20 RSVPs out of 50

Annual Event-

1. Gypsum Creek Grill- Laura will try to book on a day they're closed to host a "Private function"
2. Laura- Provide ECCD update
3. Lanny- soil under a microscope - 15 minutes
 - a. Scotts worm compost
 - b. Shawn- microbes
4. Brush Creek Pavilion will be the backup option.

Fundraiser-

5. @ restaurant w/ specialized chef
6. Silent Auction-
7. Guest list

The Dry Up Program- Scott asked Perry Will (senate) about the program and he didn't know what it was. He is looking for more information. It's the same principle of "buying and drying". Scott Schlosser will get more information and forward it to Perry.

Upcoming Events:

1. September 6th- Soil Health Workshop
2. September 7th- Beyond Lawn- Tech Training (Landscape & Irrigation Auditing)
3. September 6-7 Vail Symposium, Foodsystems (Scott J on panel 9/7)
4. September 19-20 - CDA Rocky Mountain Soil Health Conference- Denver
5. September 22- Eagle River Water Festival
6. October 10-10:30am- BoCC <> ECCD Annual Update- Laura will add to the September agenda to discuss the presentation.
7. November 13-17 CACD Resource Committee meetings (every evening at 6:30pm)
8. December 4-5 - CACD Annual Meeting

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

NRCS Report:

- N/A

CSU Ext Update:

- Colorado Master Gardener program is available to sign up. Classes start November 1st.
- Shoutout to Laura and Allegra for helping CSU Extension at the Fair and Rodeo.

Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date: September 13

Adjourn: 8:23pm

Notes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, District Technician

Action Items:

Laura creating a working group for Mill Levy Survey - next Thursday at 5:30pm
Soil Event - Shawn will ask Lanny to be a soil expert
Soil Event - Tractors, manure spreader, no-till drill, injectors?