EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2020

5:00 pm on Zoom

**Meeting called to order at 5:06pm**

**Supervisors Present: Ken, Clayton, Scott S, Shawn, Scott J, Wendy**

**Supervisors Absent: Jay**

**Guests: Stephen J, Doug R, Denyse S**

**Approval of Minutes motion made by Shawn, seconded by Scott S all present board members approved**

**Roll Call Reports:** Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held May 13, 2020

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| **BOARD MEMBER** | **HOURS** | **MILES** |
| Scott Jones |  |  |
| Scott Schlosser | 5 | 30 |
| Wendy Sacks |  |  |
| Clayton Gerard | 2 | 0 |
| Shawn Bruckman | 4 | 0 |
| Jay Taylor |  |  |
| Ken Marchetti | 3 | 0 |

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Alpine Checking Account balance: $20,452.56

Money Market Account balance: $30,652.88

**Topics to Discuss:**

*Weed Cost Share with Eagle County-* vote on approving Katie’s application. Doug mentioned that he is working on 8 projects in the Missouri Heights area that the District could vote on for funding approval but they’re in Eagle County proper but not ECCD boundaries. Katie can apply with the Garpit CD since she lives in Garfield County. Shawn mentioned that we should stick with fellow District’s guidelines and fund projects that are only in Eagle County not someone who is in our District boundaries but another county. The County and Board Members will work on promoting this.

*Local Work Group*- there is an online form that we can send in lieu of a meeting. There was a discussion on how best to get people to participate. Courtney and Shawn will work on the importance of the survey and create an email to send out. Will forward email from Garpit County to board members to see what they said.

*Worker comp exemption-* any update on the cost of insurance? Wendy called the insurance company and he said he would get back to her with a quote, so she will follow up again. He did mention that it is quite expensive so most District’s don’t do it because of the required minimum.

*Pit Test Demonstration update-* Denyse talked to Derrick and he would be happy to lead the demonstration but can’t do it on the weekends, so the date will likely change and they’re going to discuss and new date on Monday*.* Clayton mentioned that there’s a spot next to the creek at Brush Ranch and Open Space that should work for the demonstration and the pit that is already at Scott S’s land should be dry by the end of August.

Rocky Mountain Oyster feed was canceled so they’re doing an online auction that ends tonight, Denyse shared the link to all board members. Shawn brought up the rodeo being cancelled and she made a motion to donate $500 to the 4H auction this year Clayton seconded all present board members voted in favor.

*CSCB DCT Program-*Stephen discussed the Kremmling has a DCT, the County pays for some and the District pays for some and the DCT program pays for the rest (NRCS and CSCB). Irrigation engineering, vegetation management are a few areas of focus but the position and job duties does has to meet EQIP and Farm Bill areas of focus. There was a discussion of the requirements and it seems like too much to do now but would be great to include in the Mill Levy.

*The Colorado Collaborative for Healthy Soils update-* trying to dial the template to create a standardized soil health test, they meet every 2 weeks.

Community Foundation who runs the food bank in Gypsum asked Shawn if ECCD wanted to go in with them on a grant but the grant fell through. Keep them in mind for a future partnership.

Shawn mentioned the GroudUp is partnering with New Roots on the Garden Guardians program for all the County community Gardens and the food will be donated to local food banks through the Growing Gift Program.

Water and Resource monitoring workshop- Scott S will be attending it tomorrow. Give an update at the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion on the Rincon Material project that the board commented on and what the next steps will be. Courtney will follow up with Eagle County.

**NRCS Report:** There are new employees that will be starting in June, a Civil Engineering Tech Maggie and Stephanie a Range Management Specialist will be starting in July and another Civil Engineer to start in August. Eagle County has 8 EQIP apps in the pipeline, FSA has a Corona Virus Food Assistance program, registration goes until August 28th. Southeast and Southwest Colorado are in a pretty big drought, Eagle County in a D-1 drought, snowmelt is past peak.

**CSU Ext Update:** see above

**Mail Review:** Forestry Notes, Colorado Outdoors Magazine, USDA special use permit on National Forestland Geophysical Survey (Wendy will scan and forward to board members for review) Checks from Bruce S and Town of Vail for the tree sale.

**Next Meeting Date: 7/8/20 possibly at Shawn’s house**

**Adjourn: 6:25pm**

**Notes taken by: Courtney Grant (District Manager)**