



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes November 13, 2024

5:30pm Road and Bridge, Gypsum

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tmt-ihpy-xid>

Or dial: (US) +1 402-628-0151 PIN: 705 102 112#

Meeting called to order at: 5:34

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

Supervisors Absent: Ken Marchetti

Guests Present: N/A

Approval of Minutes: Wendy approved, Shawn seconded, all in favor, minutes approved

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held October 1st, 2024

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Scott Jones	5	15
Scott Schlosser	15	60
Wendy Sacks	8	80
Clayton Gerard	5	30
Shawn Bruckman	15	220
Jay Taylor	5	7
Ken Marchetti		

Guests:

N/A

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

- Budget Review: (December adoption)
 - 2024 is up to date with current expenses

- 2025 budget:
 - Goal: within the first 5 years, have ½ of our income (after expenditures) in reserves
 - By 2029: should be working with \$736,000
 - Main expenses:
 - Salaries: Executive Director, Program Manager, Vegetation Specialist, DCT, Education/Outreach Coordinator, Seasonal Technician
 - Health insurance for 5 employees
 - 401A Company Match
 - Potential truck expense
 - Accounting/Audit
 - Public Relations/Communications
 - Rent/Office Space
 - Contingency fund for 2025 - \$60,000 that can be distributed into other funds as needed
 - Projects: \$140K allocated right away towards conservation projects, beyond the continuing grant funding and future grant funding that is coming in
 - Noxious Weeds - \$40K allocated
 - We will continue grant writing for this funding. Guaranteed \$40K in/out each year
 - Beyond Lawn - \$50K allocated
 - Conservation projects - \$50K allocated
 - We will continue to grant write, bringing in a minimum of \$50K each year in grant funding
 - Updates:
 - Funds need to be set aside for board member elections - funds to mail ballots to constituents
 - Shawn would like to see more funds allocated towards education/outreach within the community
 - Join the SDA in 2025, increasing dues
 - Do we want to join NACD?
 - Education/Outreach Coordinator - move slowly with this position, wait to hire this position until we have a more defined role
 - Move this funding into the contingency fund, making the contingency fund \$140K (including benefits, salary, etc.)

Topics to Discuss:

Election Results & Next Steps:

- IKS Consulting
 - Public relations, communications, and outreach support
 - \$12,000 proposal for 2025
 - Ken makes a motion to engage Cliff for 2025 for \$12K plus the month of

December 2024 at the same rate (\$1K). Shawn seconds to motion, all favor, motion passes.

- Weekly Working Group
 - Working on creative ways for the conservation district to move forward - staff, board members, and Cliff
 - Laura will keep the board updated on when these will be, for board help, support, and direction
 - Feedback from these meetings will be brought back to the board
- 432 W 5th St Property
 - This was emailed to the board. They have been reaching out to the CD about interest in buying the property to turn into a conservation center
 - Too soon, too little acreage
- CRS- 35-70- CACD reviewing resolutions next week. Needs to be sent to the policy committee by the end of this week
 - Once the language is in Laura's hands from Peggy and Bob Cole, she will work with Scott J. to bring the resolution to CACD

Envirothon:

- We are participating in Envirothon next year - nationwide competition for students
- Partnering with Walking Mountain - they are implementing and organizing, and we will be funding.

CACD Annual Meeting:

- \$400 for the ticket, and \$130 or so for one night of lodging
 - For both Laura and Shawn it will be around \$1000
- Wendy moves to approve sending Shawn and Laura to the CACD annual meeting and to pay for the ticket and the hotel. Scott S. seconds, all in favor, motion passes
- Scott J. requests that Laura asks WM if they would be open to hosting in the future

DCT Update:

- AtBC- Noxious weed applications
 - [Milbery con't](#)
 - Shawn moves to approve the Milbery application for \$652.50. Wendy seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Application approved.
 - [McGovern](#)
 - Jay makes a motion to approve to cut the labor hours to 32 hours, and the resulting rebate amount. Clayton seconds, all approve, motion passes.
 - Board approves the amount of hours believed to be applicable to the size of the property
 - [Missouri Heights Mountain Meadows Irrigation Company](#)
 - Wendy makes a motion to approve the application, pending receiving after photos or a site visit to confirm successful weed removal. Scott J. seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
 - [Alexander Kim](#)
 - Request clarification before proceeding - map with areas identified, and actual average of areas treated. More after photos
 - [Chuck Restivo](#)
 - Request clarification before proceeding - map with areas identified, and actual average of areas treated, what weeds were present.
 - [McNulty](#)
 - Clayton makes a motion to approve the application, Jay seconds, all in

favor, motion passes.

- Other-

Other Program Updates

- Beyond Lawn
 - Season concluded, with 67 evaluations done by Allegra and Denyse
 - 14 turf removal applications received, 6 efficient irrigation system application received
 - We are expecting to receive more applications throughout the winter
 - 25,501 sq. ft. of turf removed
 - \$55,504.56 awarded in turf removal rebates
 - \$4,225.29 awarded in efficient irrigation upgrades
- Virtual Fencing
 - Setting up interviews with participating ranchers for 2024
 - Will be offering collars and herd manager subscriptions for 2025 to participating ranchers, we do not expect all ranchers to continue using them.
- Bocco Mountain
 - Permittee solidified - Luarks will be using Halter technology on the allotment
 - Water saver built
 - Pond development on 23 ponds
 - Seeding/salting around the ponds
 - Soil moisture probes ordered, to be installed in research zones
 - Contracting with Snaplands, to perform remote sensing data analysis in collaboration with ECCD ground monitoring and data collection

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

NRCS Report:

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CSU Ext Update:

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Mail Review:

Next Meeting Date: December 11, 2024

Adjourn:

Minutes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Program Manager

Action Items:

- Review bylaws at next meeting

- Work on defining staffing needs and roles, this will define spacing needs and hiring timeline. This needs to be done in conjunction with conversations about the direction the district would like to proceed
- Nox. Weed Application revisions - working group with the board (Jan/Feb)
 - Only pay so many hours/acre
 - Map of what weeds, where, what used
 - Acres treated vs. total acres on property
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