



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Agenda December 11, 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: 5:37

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

Supervisors Absent: N/A

Guests Present: N/A

Approval of Minutes: Shawn moves to approve, Clayton seconds, all in favor, minutes are approved

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held November 13, 2024

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Scott Jones	40	250
Scott Schlosser	10	40
Wendy Sacks	6	30
Clayton Gerard	3	4
Shawn Bruckman	7	0
Jay Taylor	5	4
Ken Marchetti	20	0

Guests:

Treasurer's Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2022/2023](#)

- ECCD will see \$646K in revenue in 2025 (adjusted for Eagle, Garfield, and Grand Counties total assessed values)
 - Additional \$29K on Specific Ownership Taxes (automobiles)
- 2024 expenses - still waiting on final bill from Bob Cole
- Final expenditures for 2024 = \$738K
 - \$750K results in an audit
- We will be audited 2025 onwards, and the cost for this is reflected in the future budget
- Future Budget:
 - Changes: we will put \$10K extra (for a total of \$22K) towards “Public Relations and Communications”

2025 General Fund Budget Adoption:

- **Ken makes a motion to approve the 2025 General Fund Budget with the included revisions; Shawn seconds; all in favor, motion passes**

Topics to Discuss:

Election Resolution & Appointment of DEO:

- **SD4 and SD5 - Ken moves to approve; Clayton seconds; all in favor, motion passes**

Board Term Limits:

- According to statute, we do have board term limits (two 4 year terms) - we have not voted out term limits
 - If a vacancy is not filled, a former board member can be nominated to fill the vacancy (as an appointment)
 - This process needs to be well documented in the coming election (Shawn, Jay, Scott J, are at their election term limits in 2025)

Retirement (457 Plan):

- ECCD Contribution: \$1/\$1 match for the first 3% or 4%. \$.50/\$1 for the next 2% or 3%? (Difference would be 4% vs 5.5% total match)
 - **Ken makes a motion for ECCD's contribution to be \$1/\$1 for the first 3%, and then \$.50/\$1 for the next 2% (ECCD's contribution amounts to 4%); Shawn seconds; all in favor, motion passes.**

CACD Annual Meeting & Statutory Amendment to 35-70 Updates

- ECCD's resolution passed as policy (it is now in the policy book) at the CACD meeting
 - We did not open up the statute, but recommended as policy instead - we now have policy that will guide us whereas we did before and could not take a stance on the issue (a concern if a different entity opened up the statute)
 - More time and consideration is needed before opening up the statute
 - Concerns about corporate/LLC influence once corporations are allowed to vote, and possible out of state influence
 - We will continue working with CACD to move this forward
- Scott J. stepped up to represent CO at the NACD level for CACD
 - Main focus will be working on the Farm Bill

DCT Update:

- AtBC- Noxious weed applications
 - [Chuck Restivo](#)
 - Clayton makes a motion to approve, Wendy second, all in favor, motion passes. We will award Chuck Restivo the full amount requested
 - [Missouri Heights](#)
 - Clayton makes a motion to approve, Wendy second, all in favor, motion passes. We will award Missouri Heights the full amount requested
 - [Alexander Kim](#)
 - Shawn makes a motion to approve \$650, Wendy seconds, Clayton and Jay vote nay, motion passes. We will award Alexander \$650 for 100% of the chemical cost and 10 hours worth of manual labor
- January Noxious Weed Working Group Date:
 - **Monday, January 13**
 - 10am - Laura will send out the invite to the board
 - Jay, Shawn, Clayton, Allegra, Greg, Laura

Eagle County Land Use Code Meeting

- Wednesday January 15th, 5-7pm - Shawn will send out more information

Other Program Updates

- Beyond Lawn
 - Talking with ERWSD about bringing Beyond Lawn into their district
 - They will provide in kind (50% of employee time) and likely about \$20K in match
 - We are building a budget and capacity needs for Beyond Lawn expansion, to continue the conversation with ERWSD
- Virtual Fencing
 - No major updates
- Bocco Mountain
 - Sept - Dec: a water saver and ponds have been developed, and seeds have been put down
 - Using Halter on the allotment
 - Will be coordinating with EVLT, BLM, for fence removal
 - Opportunity for ECCD to promote ECCD sponsored fence removal volunteer days

US Compost Council

- Shawn is looking for someone in Eagle County to participate in a rangeland compost project
- They are looking for ag producers in CO, and Shawn recommends that ag producers from Eagle County gets involved

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

NRCS Report:

- Over the last 5 years, the NRCS has obligated \$1.17m in Eagle County
 - 2024 - \$512K in Eagle County
- RCPP will be coming out in January

- NRCS will be contracting with landowners for practices such as range riding, flaggery, etc. NRCS can perform site assessments, and can use CPW site assessments.
- Water - average snowpack
- Personnel
 - Natural Resource Specialists (2) applications are being reviewed
 - Resource Team Lead - that position is now open

CSU Ext Update:

- Annies Project - looking for survey responses on program times
- New admin started at CSU

Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2025

Adjourn: 8:32

Minutes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Program Manager

Action Items:

- Moving forward - performance review standards for employees, to set raises/bonuses
- Change the supporting pages in the General Fund Budget to reflect the changes made at the board meeting
- Set up a meeting (or designate a board meeting) to review the bylaws
- ERWC update at the next meeting