



**SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
**February 12, 2019**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Ken Lipton, Lanny Denham, Eddie Atencio, Jack Brungardt, Teddy Berger, DM: Bert Earle

Absent: Ron Germann (exc.)

Others Present: Paul Kehmeier/CSCB Salinity Coordinator, Jackie Kragel/NRCS, Jerry Allen/SCD, David Olivero/SCD

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Ken Lipton.

Lanny Denham led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda additions: None

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

**NRCS Report**

Jackie Kragel reported that staff have been working on preliminary items for applications. There are 37 contracts that need to be designed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Dave Drewry has been working on Snotel surveys. Planners are working on contracts, payments, and the 50+ applications being processed at this time. Jackie announced that Kathy Boyce (1 of on 2 NRCS planners) will be retiring on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and Katy Alexander will take on Kathy's existing and new contracts, in addition to her own. There will be a field day on March 13<sup>th</sup> for Spanish-speaking field workers focused on soil health and dynamics. The FO has a new Earth Team Volunteer, Heather Scott, who will be working with NRCS and the District. There may be an Ouray County Soils Reclassification project through NRCS Major Land Resource Area (MLRA). The District wrote a letter of support for NRCS to move up an existing contract in standing due to extenuating circumstances. NRCS responded favorably to moving a portion of the contract up in priority to avoid those circumstances.

**IWM Update**

Jerry Allen presented the IWM Update as prepared. Jerry completed 6 IWM contract certifications and assisted several producers with final irrigation records. He worked with John Miller, Delta CD IWM, on inventory of IWM equipment and tools, and researched various loggers for performance. In addition, Jerry accompanied Bill Head, NRCS Engineer, on 6-7 construction checks and survey projects, set up new files, attended Food and Farm Forum Committee meetings and the actual 2-day event, moderating Water Boot Camp. The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Western Colorado Soil Health Conference, sponsored by the District, takes place next week on Thursday and Friday.

## **Engineer Tech Update**

David Olivero presented his Engineering Tech Update as prepared. Jackie Kragel has assigned some additional projects to David and he is working on getting prelims done—a solid set system, side rolls in Norwood, gated pipe, and others. David has been able to assist Mendy Stewart with some classroom presentations, and construction on projects will be picking up as soon as the weather allows.

## **Guest Speaker**

Paul Kehmeier Salinity Coordinator, Lower Gunnison Basin and Delta CD Board President, explained his position as Salinity Coordinator and presented information regarding the US Bureau of Reclamation's upcoming Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).

## **New & District Business**

Resignation of Board Member: Bruce Leben resigned his position on the Board and his position of Secretary/Treasurer as of February 1, 2019.

Colorado Water Congress and Convention Report: Jack Brungardt attended the conference as a District representative. The general message was that if Colorado suffers another drought year like this year, the Federal government may take control. The collaborators are working on strategies to save water so that there is more of it. Both water and power are affected by drought. Much of the convention was recorded and will be available to the public. Discussion ensued regarding drought issues within the District.

Dallas Creek Water Company Project Report: Ken Lipton reported that the Dallas Creek Water Company, which provides potable water to Log Hill, approached the District and NRCS to attend a start-up meeting to develop a collaboration to address sedimentation issues. The project involves reducing sedimentation in the water system running through Pleasant Valley via soil health improvements and other methods of remediation to improve water quality in the municipal water serving Log Hill. Rest of the minutes. The meeting was attended by several entities including the District, NRCS, Colorado Rural Water Association, and CDPHE. Five separate ranches operate along Dallas Creek and it was determined that resolution would involve extensive soil health work, bank restoration, fencing, and rangeland management, for which CDPHE could make funds available. The District and NRCS would support the project if funding for "feet on the ground" can be acquired. Meetings will be ongoing.

Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) Leadership Training Program: CSCB will be sponsoring a Leadership Training on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board members are invited to attend. Registration, travel, and housing will cost approximately \$300, with CSCB and CACD covering a portion of the costs. Ken Lipton plans to attend and requests reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for any Board member who chooses to attend.

- ❖ Jack Brungardt moved to cover expenses for CSCB Leadership Training. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

2019 District Annual Meeting Discussion: The meeting will be held on Friday, March 15, 2019 at the Holiday Inn from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Venue, entertainment, guest speaker, caterer and menu, and award recipients have been confirmed. The Wildlife Conservationist of the Year Award goes to Dustin Mullins of Triple D Land Co LLC, and the Conservation Producer of the Year Award goes to Ralph Walchle of

Walchle Ranch Partnership. Conservation Educator of the Year Award recipient is yet to be determined.

CPA Letter of Engagement: The CPA Letter of Engagement to develop the District's Exemption from Audit was presented to the Board for review and acceptance signatures.

- ❖ Teddy Berger moved to accept the Letter of Engagement. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

2018 Exemption from Audit and Resolution/Ordinance for Exemption from Audit: The Board reviewed the Exemption from Audit as prepared by the District's accountant, Donald R. Moreland and Associates, as well as the Resolution/Ordinance for Exemption from Audit. Signatures were obtained and submission to DOLA will be no later than March 31, 2019.

- ❖ Jack Brungardt moved to accept the 2018 Exemption from Audit as prepared and approve the Resolution/Ordinance for Exemption from Audit. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried.

Western Colorado Soil Health Conference (WCSHC) Bank Account Approval and Resolution: The Board reviewed the request by Bert Earle to open a bank account at Timberline Bank dedicated to WCSHC funds, as funds will roll over from year to year and shall not be commingled with other District funds.

- ❖ Teddy Berger moved to open a bank account at Timberline Bank dedicated to Western Colorado soil Health Conference Funds. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Colorado Healthy Soil Coalition: Ken presented the Board with a document by the Coalition addressing *Advancing Voluntary Solutions to Improve Soil Health in Colorado* and called for a letter of endorsement. Ken will prepare said letter.

- ❖ Teddy Berger moved to provide a letter of endorsement supporting Colorado Healthy Soil Coalition and efforts to advance soil health opportunities in Colorado. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) regarding personnel matters.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters at 8:40 pm. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Regular Session reconvened at 9:14 pm.

### **Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report**

The Board reviewed the monthly report as presented. A new tenant signed a one-year lease for Suite 10. The Board reviewed details of the recent water damage incident and the insurance claim. Ron Germann emailed to Bert information for epoxy floor finishes and she will follow up with 2-3 quotes. The Board also reviewed photos of the roof, which show significant deterioration. Jack Brungardt will take a look at the roof and make recommendations to the Board.

Lanny Denham reported there has been no response from the individual who has been storing District equipment. The scraper is now located at Denham Ranch. A producer has expressed an interest in becoming an on-call operator and we have received a request from another operator to lease the scraper for a sizeable project. The Board discussed the condition of the scraper. Lanny will arrange for

estimates to make necessary repairs and the Board will determine if repair costs are feasible in relation to renting the equipment for a fee.

**Financials**

The financial reports, accounts receivable, and accounts payable for January were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Ken Lipton approved the financials, bank reconciliations, and the COLOTRUST statement.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to accept and approve the January financials as presented. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Other Business**

- 2019 Budget – DLG/DOLA Acceptance
- 2018 APW/2019 DA Grant – DLG/DOLA Acceptance

Being no further matters to discuss,

- ❖ Jack Brungardt moved to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be the Shavano Conservation District's 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be held on **Friday, March 15, 2019 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ken Lipton, President

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Lanny Denham, Vice President