



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 9, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ken Lipton, Lanny Denham, Jack Brungardt, Teddy Berger, Bert Earle, Ron Germann

Absent: Eddie Atencio (exc.)

Others Present: Jerry Allen/SCD, Seth Urbanowitz/Ex. Officio, Scott Freeman/General Public

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Ken Lipton.

Lanny Denham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda additions: Seth Urbanowitz/Ex Officio-Conservation-No Till request to help promote tour for C.S.U. Extension. Powering Up Watershed Seminar Update by Ken Lipton.

The minutes from the February & March meetings were reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to approve the February's meeting minutes as presented. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried. Ron Germann moved to approve March's meeting minutes as presented. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

NRCS Report

Jackie Kragel provided written report to the board as she was not present to report. She reported that NRCS & partner staff have been finalizing application process'. Her team has been busy in the field surveying, designing, working with contractors and certifying contracts. Kathy Boyce retired as of March 29th and NRCS will be filling her position with a Pathways Conversion as soon as she graduates from college in May. She also stated that there will be an All Employee Meeting for NRCS and partners April 16-17. She attended a No Chico Brush Meeting April 1st but did not report on the status of that.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen presented the IWM Update as prepared. Stated he was sick for two weeks in March and last week in February. Jerry worked on 17 new 2017-2018 IWM contracts. Jerry completed 6 IWM contract certifications and assisted several producers with final irrigation records. Reported that there were only three canals with water in them. Good shape with water based on snowpack for this year but felt that there might not be enough water to bank for next year. 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 3-4 construction checks and survey projects, set up new files, attended and worked on the 9th annual Western Colorado Soil Health Conference in Delta. Jerry also attended 4 staff meetings and one Board meeting in February/March. The District signage was updated and there are 4 signs that need to be made/updated to meet County regulations and Jerry said that they will be completed by next month and will get approval from County

officials to set signs in Delta, Ouray/San Miguel & Gunnison Counties. Jerry to update on status at next meeting. Jerry reported condition of the flood control dams for Shavano #1 & #2. He reported that the weeds on the dam tops were growing and that he would contact John Fedler to spray weeds on the Dams and Aleta Seacat to disc inside the basins. He also reported that there are prairie dogs in the basin of the Dam's and not on the face of the Dams. Jerry will contact someone to address prairie dog control. Bert stated that the Emergency Plans for the Dams need to be updated and Jerry and Penny will work on getting those Plans updated.

Engineer Tech Update

David Olivero was not present to report updates this month. His written report showed he had a total of 165 hours worked in March and worked on 11 projects for NRCS. He also assisted SCD with the Annual Meeting.

Guest Speaker

Seth Urbanowitz/Ex-Officio stated that he was helping to organize Conservation-No Till field tours and asked the Board if they would help promote it and to hear his ideas He also asked to see if we knew of producers that were participating in no till/conservation practices. He stated that the tours would be scheduled for the end of June. The Board asked for Jerry to follow up with this and get back to Seth. Board also stated that there would be a Soils Health Committee meeting on April 24th and would bring this up to them also. Seth will submit a paragraph to Mendy and will be put in our Shavano Newsletter.

New & District Business

Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer: Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer was performed, Jack Brungardt nominated Bertha Earle and Lanny Denham seconded the motion. There were no oppositions. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Dallas Creek Water Company Project Report: Ken Lipton reported that the Shavano Conservation Board was awarded a grant for \$5,000. Through CDPHE for an assessment study to address sedimentation issues. Once this assessment has been completed, Ken stated that SCD would apply for bigger grant to fund a project which would involve 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. He also stated that it was his responsibility to contact the land owners who were in Ouray County that were in this drainage/watershed. Stated that the biggest landowner agreed to cooperate then with this project but as they were getting ready to access the property the landowner withdrew their consent and would not let them on the property. Ken said that the project will go ahead and will take observations, measurements and photos. Still has cooperation from several small landowners. They feel that the problem is upstream and has cooperation from one of the landowners that will let us on land and will do soil testing, water testing and observations of stream bank. Stated if landowners will not cooperate with District, it is unknown if we will be able to do soil health improvements or irrigation improvements. Might be able to do stream bank erosion improvements. Unknown if this project will be a big watershed improvement. Meetings will be ongoing.

Powering Up Watershed Seminar Update: Ken reported that he attended the Powering Up Watershed Seminar which was sponsored by CSCB, CACD & NRCS. This was a 2-day seminar and Ken's fees were covered by CSCB except for his mileage. He reported that CSCB is wanting to get watershed projects done. They would like the Conservation Districts that belong to a watershed to cooperate in

planning these projects. Ken as a CSCB representative to watershed agreed to contact officers and hold an Executive Committee meeting by May. He stated that his mission is to try to get every district which would consist of Gunnison, Delta, San Miguel and our watershed (Gunnison/Dolores) to participate. This would mean that each watershed project would get a certain amount of acreage signed up for soil health work and that would involve testing and amendments to the soils. Funding to come from Grants.

2019 Annual Plan of Work-Draft: Draft reviewed and discussed. APW agreed that the Water Quality/Quantity elements of the third year of the 2019 APW are being met. Bert stated that the District included the Dallas Creek Water Company project in the Water Quality/Quantity section for 2019. Lanny Denham moved to approve the 2019 Annual Plan of Work and Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

CSCB DCT and NRCS Salinity Core 6 Positions Update: Bert updated Board on the CSCB DCT position which was approved and that NRCS wants the District to manage two Core-6 Salinity Positions for this office through grant funds. Board approved District to move forward in creating job description and advertising for the two Core-6 positions and managing employees once NRCS has acceptable candidate.

2019 District Annual Meeting Review and Budget Report: The meeting's review which was held on Friday, March 15, 2019 at the Holiday Inn. 72 adults and 10 children attended. Cost the Board \$1,300.00 for annual meeting.

NRCS Annual Local Work Group Meeting Discussion: Board agreed on May 20, 2019 or May 21, 2019 from 6:30 to 9:00PM. CSCB will moderate and Jackie Kragel can secure Farm Bill Specialist, Harrison Top to be guest speaker this year. Board agreed to provide dessert & beverages. Board asked to check in on meeting venue at Lions Club House, Pioneer Room at Friendship Hall or Events Center-Penny to follow up.

Resolution to Amend Bank Account Authorization: Resolution to add Penny Bishop as additional signor to all bank accounts for Shavano Conservation District. Lanny Denham moved to approve the Resolution to Amend Bank Account Authorization and Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report

The Board reviewed the monthly report as presented. A new tenant signed a one-year lease for part of Suite 5 which is the Suite that is reserved to Shavano Conservation District. The insurance claim that was submitted January 31, 2019 due to water damage has been closed because the amount being covered was less than the amount that the possible increase in insurance premiums if claimed. Board agreed to close the claim. Roof estimate to replace the roof for Shavano Bldg. was for \$24,570.00 and board decided to wait on replacement of roof at this time, agreed to repair the areas that are exposed. Teddy Berger will check with associate that he knows that has Board reviewed estimates to replace flooring for Shavano District Bldg. and Bert Earle moved to accept the estimate from Garage Kings Grand Junction for \$5,610.31/less the \$129.31 tax amount= \$5,481.00. Teddy Berger seconded the motion and motion was carried.

Penny Bishop reported that Lanny was needing to get estimate for repairs of scraper. Alan Bishop/heavy equipment operator was sent out to meet with Lanny to look at the scraper. Was told that after looking at the issue with the scraper-it was determined to be more than "leaky oil lines" and felt that it was a front seal between engine/transmission and did not have time to fix equipment. Lanny to follow up with Rick Hale to get estimate to make necessary repairs and the Board will determine if repair costs are feasible in relation to renting the equipment for a fee. Ron Germann stated that he would assist in getting estimates from mobile units and get additional estimates.

Financials

The financial reports, accounts receivable, and accounts payable for February & March were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Bertha Earle approved the financials, bank reconciliations, and the COLOTRUST statement. Bert proposed to move \$7,500 into regular checking account from COLOTRUST Account due to regular saving and regular checking accounts reserves being low.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to accept and approve the February & March's financials as presented. Ron Germann seconded the motion and it was carried.

Other Business

- New Website for SCD update: Penny Bishop updated Board on new website created by Mendy Steward provided by Weebly. Gig Showcase was a very difficult website to manage and now using the new website-Weebly, she states that it is a lot easier to work with and cheaper. Weebly will also host the site.

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 matter at 9:21pm. Ron Germann seconded the motion and it was carried.

Regular Session reconvened at 9:28 pm. After reconvening, Board agreed to an increase of hourly wage of an employee, effective May 1, 2019.

Being no further matters to discuss,

- ❖ Ron Germann moved to adjourn the meeting. Bert Earle seconded the motion and it was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 7:00PM at the USDA office in Montrose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Bert Earle, Secretary/Treasurer