



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ken Lipton, Lanny Denham, Bert Earle, Eddie Atencio, Penny Bishop/DM

Absent: Jack Brungardt (Exc.), Ron Germann (Exc.)

Others Present: Jerry Allen/SCD, David Olivero/SCD, Dustin Mullins (Guest), Helen Silver (Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Ken Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was one addition to the Agenda: Discussion regarding T-shirt logo for SCD.

The minutes from the July meeting was presented and reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Eddie Atencio moved to accept the July meeting minutes as presented. Bert Earle seconded the motion and it was carried.

NRCS Report

Jackie Kragel was not present to give update on NRCS but provided written report on NRCS update. Ken read report to Board. Lead engineer transferred to Florida, Bill Head & David Olivero are working very hard to complete NRCS engineering backlog. Katie Alexander in the planning department is resigning and her last day is August 30. There are 60 planning request/applications. Core-6 position is still available, and applicants are being interviewed.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen presented the IWM Update as prepared. Jerry has had 6 Outreach/Brief Technical Visits this last month with three being in the Ridgway area. He installed the second SCD sign on Hwy 348 at the Delta/Montrose county line. Jerry has asked Ken to contact Ouray County Commissioners to ask permission to install SCD sign on Hwy 62 at the Montrose/San Miguel county line and on Hwy 550 above Ouray at the Montrose/Ouray county line. John Fedler will be spot spraying the Roatcap Dam as the late rains sprouted the next crop of weeds. He had two field day visits: the first was at the Mullins Ranch & Wachle Ranch. At Mullins Ranch, they visited the irrigation structures/boxes and owner discussed how it has helped to better manage the property. At the Wachle Ranch, they visited the tailwater structure that was put in and how it has increased the amount of acreage and number of times that you could get across by capturing the tailwater from the east. He had 15 people attend which was mostly engineering staff from the Western Slope. The second field day visit was at the CSU Field Day put on by the Extension office in Fruita. There was five from NRCS/SCD office that attended. Seth Urbanowitz & Dave Kanzer (Colorado River Basin) lead the field day. Jerry attended Food and Farm Forum meeting as well as Soil Health meeting.

Engineer Tech Update

David stated that he has been very busy since taking over the extra workload from the Engineer that transferred to Florida. Stated that there were a lot of designs getting completed. He has 6-7 projects to be constructed in the fall. David shared a brief summary about an article he read from the Washington Post regarding Global Warming. David will send the article to Penny to share with Board.

New & District Business

Watershed Project Update for GD Watershed Meeting: The watershed meeting will be held at Stolte Shed in Cedaredge on August 14th. Ken suggested all Board members try and attend. Ken will make a presentation on a Watershed Project to try and get all Watersheds involved in a joint project. Discussed different project ideas that he will be discussing at the meeting.

Discussion on Replacement of Board Member: Dustin Mullins was invited to attend the Board meeting to see if he was interested in becoming a Board member. Dustin stated he would consider the appointment. Ken to follow up with Dustin and report back to Board at next meeting.

Dallas Creek Water Company Project Report: Ken reported that the project report has been finalized but could not discuss the details until it has been reviewed by the Dallas Creek Project committee in October. Ken to give update after meeting in October.

Resolution for Watershed Meeting: Ken modified the 2018 Resolution Form that was submitted last year and will be presenting it to the Watershed Meeting on August 14. Ken added a new subsection to the form for earmarking the matching funds for Conservation District level to be used for soil health improvements. Board member, Eddie Atencio suggested SCD should write a letter to Sonny Perdue, US Secretary of Agriculture and the National BLM Director and ask them to tour our local Conservation District.

- ❖ Eddie Atencio made a motion to draft a letter inviting Sonny Perdue & the National BLM Director to tour SCD to see our soil/water/air issues being that the Washington Post stated we were in the "Eye of the Dust Bowl". And will suggest combining it with our cover crop/minimum tillage tour to be held in GJ this fall. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried.

Ken & Penny will draft letter and get it to the Board to review.

WC Soil Health Coalition Update: Jerry updated the Board that the Committee is looking for a minimum tillage producers' panel. There will be a Cover Crop Tour with Lowell King scheduled in October at Mesa County. The Committee will take the most successful producers from that tour and ask them to speak at the WC Soil Health Tour in February on the producer's panel for cover crops. Also, Dave Dearstyne will be discussing small acreage producers doing organic grass-fed production.

NRCS Salinity Core 6 Positions Update: Jackie already updated Board on position in report.

Poster Contest Discussion: Penny presented to Board on behalf of Mendy Stewart that the Poster Contest held by CACD due date was published incorrectly. The published due date was September 1, but Mendy contacted Bobbi Ketels at CACD and was told to disregard that date. There was an error on the date so SCD can get the posters to her by November 1.

New Business:

T-shirt logo for SCD discussion: Board was given logo options for the SCD t-shirts that were designed by Mendy Stewart. Board agreed on logo and will be given to Mendy to order t-shirts.

Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report

Update on the flooring was given by Penny, and Board was informed that the new flooring finish was approved. Final payment was given to Garage Kings on 7/21/19. A/C was not working properly in Suite 1, Snipp's Heat & Air adjusted dampener. Jerry repaired sinkhole in parking lot with concrete. Rose bush out front of building was trimmed back. Penny also discussed the possibility of turning the storage room into another suite to rent out for potential rental income of \$150-\$200/month in additional revenue. Estimate to remodel women's restroom to create a cleaning closet in part of the women's restroom to free up the space in the storage room

was given to the Board. Discussed moving SCD educational supplies and paperwork being stored in storage room to Suite #5 that is being kept by SCD for use in case of government shut down.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to accept the remodel estimate and install the cleaning closet in the women's restroom, move the remaining items into Suite #5 and make any necessary adjustments to the storage room to rent out as a Suite. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Board discussed getting estimates to repair roof. Penny to get estimates for roof repair and will present at next Board meeting.

The COLOTRUST account was discussed as a result of the roof repair needing to be made.

- ❖ Bert Earle moved that \$50,000.00 needs to be maintained for building maintenance & salaries and earmarked for this use in the COLOTRUST account. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Update on SCD owned land scraper was given by Penny & Lanny. Penny stated that Western Gravel contacted SCD and wanted to lease the equipment, they were told that we could not lease out equipment for someone using it for profit. They asked if SCD would be interested in selling the equipment, contacted Ken and Ken asked to have Lanny contact Western Gravel. Lanny did and did not feel that Western Gravel was serious about giving SCD what it was worth. Board decided to keep equipment to be able to repair dams.

Financials

The financial reports, accounts receivable, and accounts payable from July were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Bert Earle, Treasurer, approved the bank reconciliations and the financials as amended.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to approve and accept the July financials as amended. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Miscellaneous & Mail

Review Draft application of 2020 CSCB DCT Grant: Penny presented the draft application of the 2020 CSCB DCT Grant for review which is due to be submitted by August 19, 2019. The Grant amount will remain the same as last years Grant and CWCB has approved to give SCD the matching funds that would be needed for this Grant.

- ❖ Bert Earle moved to approve the application of the 2020 CSCB DCT Grant as written for submission to CSCB. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Review of mining application from Cornerstone Materials, LLC and Revision & Updates from Horsefly Rock Source by Board. Board had no issues with both applicants' documents. No action was taken.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00PM at the USDA office in Montrose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Bert Earle, Secretary/Treasurer