



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2020
via Zoom virtual meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ken Lipton, Lanny Denham, Roxi Stewart, Jack Brungardt, Michelle Malish, Penny Bishop/DM, Eddie Atencio, Carl McKinney/President-SMBCD

Absent: Seth Urbanowitz/Ex. Officio

Others Present: Mendy Stewart/SCD

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Ken Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. Penny Bishop added a Delta Conservation District /Colorado River Water Conservation District RCPP Discussion and Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment Project Discussion to New Business. Ken Lipton added CSCB Meeting Report to the CACD Annual Meeting Report.

The minutes from the November regular meeting were presented and reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Michelle Malish moved to accept the November regular meeting minutes as presented. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

NRCS Report

Dan Olson/acting DC for NRCS was not present but submitted an NRCS update for the Montrose field office. See attached, "Exhibit A".

IWM Update

Jerry Allen was not present to give the IWM update but submitted his report to the board for review. See attached Exhibit "B".

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

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matter at 6:41 pm. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Regular Session was reconvened at 6:44 pm.

After returning to regular session:

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to approve employee bonuses for the 2020 year in the amount of \$250.00 per employee. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

New & District Business

CACD Annual Meeting Report/CSCB Board Meeting Report: Ken Lipton reported that during the Annual CACD Meeting, Resolutions that were submitted by the Conservation District Watersheds were voted on

and that the Resolution for Supporting the STAR Program that SCD submitted was not approved. SCD nominated Jan Congour for Educator of the Year and she was chosen. Ken stated that there was a lot of information that was presented this year and hoped that our Board attended some of these events. He also reported on the CSCB Board Meeting that he attended; he stated that he was elected as vice-president of the CSCB Board and also appointed to the CSCB Matching Grant Committee. Ken also reported that CSCB will be awarding to the districts \$500.00 as an incentive for completing the Annual Report this next year. Also reported was that all CSCB DCT contracts were approved. Next CSCB Board Meeting will be January 27, 2021.

Resolution to Approve and Adopt 2021 Budget & Resolution to Appropriate Funds for 2021: The 2021 Budget was submitted for approval but the board decided to table the discussion due to changes that needed to be made to the budget as a result of the budget discussion and to hold a Special Meeting on December 15, 2020 to approve and adopt the resolutions.

Colorado Health Soils STAR Program Update: Ken Lipton stated that Colorado Department of Agriculture will be funding/piloting this program and due to budget constraints they will only allow one producer to participate in each one of the four districts that is participating in this program. He also stated that SCD will receive \$1000.00 for administration of this program.

Letter of Support for Weed Management Program to Gunnison Conservation District Discussion: The Board discussed the letter received from Carl McKinney that was send to him from the Gunnison Conservation District wanting the support from the Gunnison-Dolores Watershed. SCD Board of Supervisor's agreed to support this program. Carl McKinney stated that he had reached out to the other G-D Watershed members and they also support this program. Carl indicated that he would get in touch with Gunnison Conservation District and let them know our Watershed will support their program.

Delta Conservation District /Colorado River Water Conservation District RCPP Discussion: SCD Board was alerted that Delta Conservation District contacted SCD District Manager and is wanting cooperation from SCD to contact any producers that are in our district that might have interest in the CRWCD RCPP Program. SCD Board agreed to pass the information on to the producers in our district who may be interested in this project. Board asked Penny Bishop to draft a letter to DCD for Ken Lipton's signature.

Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment Project Discussion: Penny Bishop stated that SCD received a letter wanting support for said project. Board reviewed documentation and agreed that the proposed project will help in the conservation efforts of not only water but also habitat improvement. A high resource concern for the SCD is water quality/quantity. In periods of drought, federal mandates on water quality and the increasing demands on the Colorado River and the Gunnison-Dolores River Watershed requires our District to work to improve water quality/quantity and conservation techniques through public education, outreach and project management. Board asked Penny Bishop to draft a letter for the Ken Lipton's signature.

Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared. See attached Exhibit "C".

Financials

The financial reports, accounts receivable, and accounts payable from November were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Roxi Stewart-Secretary/Treasurer reviewed all financials and approved the Financials for November as submitted.

- ❖ Michelle Malish made a motion to approve the November financials as presented. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Miscellaneous & Mail

None to report.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm** with the location to be determined at a later date as to whether it can be held in person at 102 Par Place, Montrose CO or if it will be held again on a virtual meeting platform.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer