



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2020
via Zoom virtual meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ken Lipton, Lanny Denham, Eddie Atencio, Roxi Stewart, Jack Brungardt, Michelle Malish, Penny Bishop/DM, Jackie Kragel/NRCS

Absent: Seth Urbanowitz/Ex. Officio

Others Present: Jerry Allen/SCD, Mendy Stewart/SCD, Carl McKinney/President-San Miguel Basin Conservation District

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President/Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Lanny Denham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Ken made an addition to the Agenda: Notification of the passing of a past Board Supervisor-Richard St. Jean. Deletion of SCD Sign Update was made from the IWM update.

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

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

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

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

NRCS Report

Jackie Kragel/NRCS presented the NRCS update for the Montrose field office. Jackie stated that their field office's end of physical year is coming up and that they are working on ranking, pre-approvals & obligations of applications and contracts. She also stated that there are 72 applications, and are processing over \$3 million in federal obligated dollars. For local funds, the field office had \$300,000 to spend on 3 applications and there was one in Montrose and 2 in Gunnison. Jackie informed the board that all of the current applications needed to be obligated by August 21, 2020 and she was confident that the date will be met. She said that the field office was very busy and that a technician from the Delta NRCS office was sent to help with the planning backlog for a few days. Jackie also relayed to the Board that she will be leaving her position as District Conservationist mid-September and does not know who her replacement will be at this time. She will inform the Board as information arises.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen presented the IWM update as prepared. See attached Exhibit "A". He also updated the Board on the Dam maintenance. He stated that he sprayed for weeds on the dams and also sprayed for insects at the Shavano Building.

Poster Contest Update

Mendy Stewart/Education and Outreach Coordinator updated the Board on the Annual Poster Contest. She informed the Board that the theme for this year is "Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators". She relayed that she is reviewing the 2020 State Education Standards as well as the Montrose School District's Return

to Learn document to be able to meet the state standards as well as school district policies. She said that there will be no visitors allowed in the classrooms this year so she will be doing virtual presentations and the presentations will probably be a live virtual presentation in the field with a local specialist involving Bees. Ken asked about judging the posters and Mendy relayed that she will request the posters to judge locally but possibly suggest sending a photo of the poster as she will need to send it to the state in photo format to be judged if they are chosen as the local winner.

New & District Business

Resolution Discussion for Annual Watershed Meeting: Ken submitted an action item which he asked to be considered for a Resolution to be submitted at the Annual Watershed Meeting. Upon review, all board members present agreed to accept the action item in its entirety and make a resolution. Therefore, a Resolution in Support for a State Soil Health Program was submitted for approval.

- ❖ Jack Brungardt moved to approve the Resolution in Support for a State Soil Health Program. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

CSCB DCT Grant Position Matching Funds Update: Penny Bishop updated the Board as to the matching funds needed for the DCT Grant Position. She stated that she was waiting to hear back from Trout Unlimited as they had showed interest in partnering with SCD for this position.

Discussion on Colorado River District Working Relationship: Penny Bishop presented an email from CRD proposing a potential working relationship to help with the funding of the CSCB DCT grant funded 25% match position. The Board agreed to a meeting with CRD to discuss potential ideas.

Update of Incorporating San Miguel Basin District into SCD: Ken updated the Board on the Montrose B.O.C.C. meeting which he attended on Monday 8/10/20 to discuss concerns that the B.O.C.C. had regarding the consolidation. Ken stated that the meeting went well and all questions were answered and accepted. He also said that the next steps will be with CSCB notifying the landowners in our Districts and having a public hearing to get their thoughts on this. Ken stated that he would keep the Board informed as the consolidation progresses. Carl McKinney/President of SMBCD was also present and agreed with what Ken said.

Discussion on Jack Brungardt's Contract Situation with NRCS: The Board listened to Jack Brungardt's concerns regarding an NRCS EQIP contract he has been trying to resolve since 2015. Jack stated that he has had to cancel 2 contracts with NRCS because of issues with neighbors blocking his ability to complete these contracts. He stated that he went to court and received an agreement that was signed to be able to put in measuring devices in the water but has been unable to complete this because of road blocks with the NRCS due to neighbor disputes holding up the contract. He also stated that he met with Jackie Kragel/District Conservationist for the Montrose F.O. and she has been working with him on trying to get this resolved. Jackie stated that she has sent the documents to the Appeals Section of NRCS but has not yet heard from them. She asked for Ken's assistance on drafting a letter regarding this matter to try and get it resolved and she will send it to her superiors. Ken agreed and will update Board at next meeting.

Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report

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

Penny Bishop updated the Board on the sale proceeds from the Districts John Deere Scraper. She also asked the Board to consider investing the proceeds from the sale into rental equipment which would help make money for the District. Board discussed the matter and it was decided to table the discussion until next board meeting. Penny will send out survey to our constituents and ask them if this would be something of interest to them.

Financials

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

- ❖ Lanny Denham made a motion to approve the July's financials as presented. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

Miscellaneous & Mail

Penny Bishop submitted a notice from the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety regarding a Consideration of 110(2) Hard Rock Reclamation Permit Application for Gregg Morrill. It was found to not be in our District but was in San Miguel Basin Conservation District which Penny had forwarded to them. Carl McKinney/President-SMB CD was present and he acknowledged receiving the document and that their District had no issue with the permit application. No further action taken.

Penny Bishop submitted to the Board a National Association of Conservation District (NACD) write up featuring SCD & past engineer technician-David Olivero for review.

Additions to the Agenda

The Passing of a Past Board Member-Richard St. Jean: Ken relayed the news to the Board and asked if they would consider using SCD funds to send flowers to the family. Jerry Allen/IWM Technician told the Board that family requested that in lieu of flowers they would like donations to go to a scholarship fund set up in Richard St. Jean's name for the Delta High School. The matter was discussed.

- ❖ Lanny Denham made a motion to contribute \$100.00 from SCD to go to the Richard St. Jean scholarship fund at the Delta High School. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 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