



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2021 7:00PM
virtually via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ken Lipton, Lanny Denham, Roxi Stewart, Eddie Atencio, Steve Hale, Carl McKinney, Michelle Malish, Penny Bishop/DM

Absent: Seth Urbanowitz/Ex. Officio, Jack Brungardt (un-excused)

Others Present: Mendy Stewart/SCD, Jamison Jewkes/NRCS RTL, Kimberly Burr/NRCS Acting AC

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

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. Steve Hale added board consideration of a possible partnership with Mountain Studies Institute for the Dallas Creek/Pleasant Valley Creek Project. Ken Lipton added the CSCB Board Meeting update.

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

- ❖ Carl McKinney moved to accept the September regular meeting minutes as presented. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

NRCS Report

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS was present virtually on Zoom and gave a verbal report. No written report was provided to the board. Jamison reported to the board that the NRCS FY2021 ended the last day of September 2021. He updated the board on the number of contracts completed for 2021 also. These numbers included both the Montrose & Gunnison offices. For the EQIP program, NRCS obligated \$3.4 million which included General Salinity and EQIP CIC programs and involved over 10,000 acres; CSP included \$200,000 in contracts and 9000 acres. ACEP (Easement Program) included \$1.8 million and protected over 9,500 acres. For the FY 2022 contracts, Jameson stated that there are no batching dates announced yet for signups. Kim Burr/Acting AC also spoke regarding the large work load that this NRCS office carries and commended them for their ability to meet deadlines.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen was not present to give the IWM update. See attached Exhibit "A".

Education/Outreach Update

Mendy Stewart updated the board on various school education presentations she was involved in during the month of September. She presented at the 9th grade mancos shale presentations, the Environmental Appreciation Day outside of Norwood in the forest for the 5th grade students from Norwood, Naturita, Nucla, Dove Creek & Paradox on October 7th. Her presentation was on soils and she also connected the students with the 5th grade Poster Contest which is Health Forest-Health Soils and gave the students the contest rules and poster board and will pick them up on the next trip to the West End of Montrose. She also reported that she went to Ken's ranch on October 8th where the 4th Grade Cimarron Ridge Ranch Day was held and presented to 45 Ouray-Ridgway 4th grade students attending.

New & District Business

2022 CSCB DCT Grant Update: Ken reported to the board that the 2022 CSCB DCT Grant was approved. Penny Bishop also alerted the board that the monies approved were for only 80% of the DCT's salary and that per board discussion the remaining 20% would be covered by Shavano Conservation District.

2022 CSCB Matching Grant Update: Ken reported to the board that the 2022 CSCB Matching Grant was approved for the upcoming year and that those funds would go toward the education activities for SCD.

NACD take on the Biden Administration 30x30 plan included in the "America the Beautiful" Executive Order Discussion: The board discussed the order and responded that they would support the concept but cautioned against any mandatory compliance brought forth from this plan. Board directed Penny Bishop to prepare a letter of support to CACD with that position.

San Miguel Board of County Commissioner Discussion Update: Ken reported that the San Miguel BOCC was very responsive and that the commissioners have discussed entering into a partnership with them on a PES program that they are implementing. Ken will update the board when more information is known.

Review SCD By-Laws & Mission Statement and Resolution to Approve and accept: SCD board reviewed the updated SCD By-Laws and Mission Statement. The board approved the Mission Statement as written.

- ❖ A Resolution was made to Amend and Approve the SCD By-Laws as written. Steve Hale moved to approve the Resolution to amend the SCD By-Laws as written and Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

GD Watershed Meeting Reminder: Ken reminded the board of the upcoming GD Watershed Meeting being held on October 14 at 8:30 am via Zoom. He encouraged the board members to attend.

San Miguel Basin Conservation District Certificate of Deposit Discussion: The board discussed the option of the existing Certificate of Deposit monies that are still currently in SMBCD's account.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to move the monies from the current bank and put it into SCD's current money market account when it comes due on November 1, 2021. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

Carl McKinney/SMBCD Board President will cash out the CD and make funds payable to SCD when it is due.

Employee Expenses Related to Covid Telework Mandate Discussion: Board discussed the employee's personal bills as they were related to the telework mandate since March 2020.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to approve the retroactive pay for utilities to cover the work expenses incurred due to Covid for the telework employees. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was approved.

Roxi Stewart will follow up and approve the expenses from the telework employees when they are received.

2022 Annual Plan of Work-1st Draft: The 1st draft of the 2022 Annual Plan of Work was reviewed and changes were made as directed by the board. 2nd draft will be submitted at November's monthly board meeting for review.

2022 Draft Budget-2nd Draft: The 2nd draft of the 2022 Budget was reviewed. The board suggested that Roxi Stewart/Treasurer and Penny Bishop review the budget for potential budget expenses that could be cut and be reviewed again at November's monthly board meeting.

CSCB Meeting Update: Ken reported to the board that the CSCB has formed a committee to review potential district mergers. Ken also updated the board that his seat on the CSCB board is up for re-election.

CSCB Supervisor Training Module: Penny Bishop led the CSCB Supervisor training-module 5. The Board successfully passed the module test. The Board will complete module 6 at the next Board meeting in November.

Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared. See attached Exhibit "C". Penny Bishop was also instructed to get quotes on putting gates at both ends of the building breezeway and check on code compliance with the city if these gates were installed due to vandalism which is occurring at the Shavano Building.

Financials

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

- ❖ Michelle Malish moved to approve the September financials as presented. Steve Hale seconded the motion and it was carried.

Miscellaneous & Mail

No Miscellaneous & Mail was presented at this meeting.

Being no further matters to discuss,

- ❖ Michelle Malish moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021** at 6:30pm virtually via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer