



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2021 6:30PM
virtually via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Mendy Stewart/SCD, Jamison Jewkes/NRCS RTL, Jerry Allen/SCD, Kris Holstrom/San Miguel BOCC

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Lanny Denham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. Ken Lipton added the CSCB Board Update.

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

- ❖ Carl McKinney moved to accept the October regular meeting minutes as presented. Steve Hale 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 batch date for FY2022 contracts were released and will be Friday, December 3rd 2021. Covid update was also reported. He stated that there are high Covid numbers in the county and therefore the local NRCS office staff has been reduced back to 25% staffing and no visitors are allowed until further notice.

IWM Update

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

Guest Speaker-Caleen Hale/Valley Food Partnership

Caleen Hale with the Valley Food Partnership updated the board on the Beginning Farmer & Young Rancher Program that Valley Food Partnership will be heading. Stated it was geared to bring beginning farmers & ranchers into our community. They will recruit 24 farmers & ranchers into the program. Caleen asked for SCD to commit to help with this program. She asked for SCD board support. Suggestions that she made to help was to help with an Irrigation Water Management course to help these farmers, help with a farmer & rancher advisory team or offer mentorship & internship possibilities. The board offered support through our Education/Outreach program also.

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.

CO-CEWL and CSCB Meeting Update: Ken reported to the board that he attended the CO CEWL & the CSCB Board meetings via zoom. Discussed was the S.T.A.R Program and the S.T.A.R. Field form will be out next week. He also stated that the Soil Health Advisory Panel starts in January and is unsure if he will be on that Panel as of yet. Also discussed was a Forest Service GMUG Plan open comment period which ends on November 26. This plan has working in it which refers to grazing on public lands and Ken suggested that any farmer/rancher that is in this area should read this plan and make comment. He also reported that the Wolf Relocation Project was discussed, more specifically about loss of livestock as it affects ranchers. The wolves will be released west of the Continental Divide. He stated that the state has over 8 million dollars in Drought Relieve Funds which is funding over 60 projects. Ken also updated the board that his seat on the CSCB board is up for re-election and there is two other incumbents he is running against for his seat.

2022 S.T.A.R. Plus Program Producer Participation Discussion: Ken Lipton lead the discussion regarding parameters that need to be set for producer participation in this program. The board and employees discussed the need to set parameters for choosing which producers will be enrolled into this program since SCD is limited to only allowing 5 producers. Parameters discussed were, the need to cover all areas of our district, choosing a variety of types of productions (row crops, rangeland & pasture) and a mix of big and small properties.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to set the parameters of producer selection for the 2022 S.T.A.R. Plus Program depending on the number of acres we have to have will be one large, one medium, 3 small producers and will encompass each corner of our district with a variety of row crops, hay and range. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

2022 Annual Plan of Work-2nd Draft: The 2nd draft of the 2022 Annual Plan of Work was reviewed and changes were made as directed by the board. The final APW will be submitted at December's monthly board meeting for review after meeting with the GD Watershed to discuss the joint weed management project that SCD will likely be involved in.

2022 Draft Budget-3rd Draft: The 3rd draft of the 2022 Budget was reviewed. The board reviewed the draft budget and suggested that SCD make a line item for \$1,000 as unappropriated expenses to cover unforeseen expenses. Penny Bishop with check with appropriate parties and update board on the findings.

2022 Meeting Calendar Review/Annual Meeting Date: The 2022 Board Meeting calendar was discussed and potential dates for Annual Meeting was discussed. The board agreed on the Annual Meeting/Local Work Group Meeting to be held in June with a tentative date as the 2nd Tuesday of month.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Calendar as submitted and approved the Annual Meeting/Local Work Group Meeting for SCD in June. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was approved.

CACD Annual Meeting Reminder: Ken Lipton reminded the SCD Board that the CACD Annual Meeting will be held on November 15, 16, 17 & 18 via zoom. He encouraged the board to attend these meetings.

Holiday Dinner Discussion: Ken Lipton lead the discussion regarding SCD's Annual Holiday Dinner and it was decided to have Penny Bishop check into available venues/restaurants around December 12-14 for availability. This Holiday Dinner will be combined with the monthly SCD meeting. Penny Bishop will report back to board on available dates to allow board to make a decision.

CSCB Supervisor Training Module: Penny Bishop led the CSCB Supervisor training-module 6. The Board successfully passed the module test. The Board will complete module 7 at the next Board meeting in January.

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

- ❖ Steve Hale moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matter at 8:37 pm. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

Regular Session was reconvened at 9:11 pm.

After returning to regular session:

- ❖ Michelle Malish made a motion to approve a \$1/hour raise for each employee for the 2022 budget. Steve Hale amended the motion by adding the approval of employee Christmas bonuses for the 2021 year in the amount of \$250.00 per employee. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried.

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 October were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Roxi Stewart-Secretary/Treasurer reviewed all financials and approved the Financials for October as submitted.

- ❖ Carl McKinney moved to approve the October financials as presented. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

Miscellaneous & Mail

No Miscellaneous & Mail was presented at this meeting.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

The next meeting will be in December, 2021 and will be combined with the SCD Holiday Dinner. Date, time and place has not been set yet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer