



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2021 6:30PM
virtually via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Lanny Denham/excused

Others Present: Mendy Stewart/SCD, Jamison Jewkes/NRCS RTL, Jerry Allen/SCD, Kris Holstrom/San Miguel BOCC, Dave Dearstyne, Seth Urbanowitz/Agro Carbon Alliance, Zack Gaines/Proximity Malt

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Ken Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. None added.

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

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to accept the November regular meeting minutes as presented. Carl McKinney 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 EQIP & CSP batch date for FY2022 contracts were released and will be Friday, December 3rd 2021. 47 applications were received and they were all EQIP and no CSP. He stated that they are working with the producers to get all the necessary documentation turned in. The applications will be ranked by March and then will be obligated. He also alerted the board that they are filling 2 new positions. One is for a Soil Conservationist position and one for Civil Engineer position. The positions will be filled by March or April 2022.

IWM Update

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

Guest Speaker-Seth Urbanowitz/Agoro Carbon Alliance- Seth updated the Board of his new position with Agoro Carbon Alliance and the carbon opportunities available to farmers and ranchers that are offered through his company. He stated that his company facilitates the trade of carbon credits between growers and buyers. He noted that the only role of Agoro is to help facilitate the transition to conservation practices that generate carbon assets. Seth told the board that is the regional contact for this company if we should have anyone interested in wanting more information in carbon credits.

New & District Business

Pleasant Valley Creek-Dallas Creek Funding Options: Steve Hale alerted the board that there are other groups interested in partnering with Shavano Conservation District to help implement the Best Management Practices (BMPS) that were noted on the report submitted by Dave Dearstyne/Soil Scientist. He stated that Mountain Studies Institute would be interested in helping secure grants to implement these practices. Board discussed that these funding options should be tabled until they discussed the information with the landowners affected by this study and to see if they wanted to continue with potential funding to implement practices on their lands. Steve & Ken will report the information to board at next month's board meeting.

GD Watershed Joint Weed Management Project: Ken updated the board on the potential joint weed management project that the GD Watershed is trying to implement. He reported that the GD Watershed committee will be meeting with the Palisade Insectary in January to discuss biological weed control. He stated that this could potentially be a pilot project for the state that our Watershed can implement.

Discussion to host a meeting for Farmers/Producer in Valley to grow malt barley: Jerry Allen alerted the board that Zack Gaines with Proximity Malt would like to talk to the board and discuss the possibility of SCD hosting a meeting with local farmers/growers to see if there would be anyone interested in growing malt barley. Zack stated that Proximity Malt is wanting to find growers in our area to that would be willing to grow approximately 800 acres of malt barley. The board agreed to add this item to the SCD board meeting agenda for January and discuss.

2022 S.T.A.R. Plus Program Producer Participation Discussion: Jerry Allen lead the discussion and stated that there were 10 farmers that were interested in the S.T.A.R. program. Per the participant screening sheet that he used based on the parameters given by the board at November's meeting which 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). Based on the parameters that the S.T.A.R. program requires, we would need to choose 5 total participants/farmers which would meet the 200 total acre minimum requirement that our district has to meet to participate. This will be as follows: 1 farmer over 200 acres, 3 farmers with 66 acres and 1 farmer with 20 acres. The board asked which of the 10 farmers met all the criteria that the board requested and Jerry gave the names of the 5 applicants that would meet this. The one farmer with 200 acres would be David Harold; the three farmers with 66 acres would be Clifford Chiles, George Rosenbaum & Steve Hale; the one farmer with 20 acres would be Michael Curtis. The alternates will be Todd Stewart & John Smith.

- ❖ Michelle Malish made a motion to approve the 5 applicants and the two alternate farmers as named by Jerry Allen. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was approved.

2022 Annual Plan of Work-Final: The final draft of the 2022 Annual Plan of Work was reviewed.

- ❖ Michelle Malish made a motion to approve and accept the 2022 Annual Plan of Work as submitted. Steve Hale seconded the motion and it was approved.

2022 Final Budget Review: Board reviewed the final budget and approved as written.

Resolution to Approve and Adopt 2022 Budget: The Board reviewed the 2022 Budget and the Resolution to Approve and Adopt 2022 Budget documents as presented by Penny Bishop.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to approve the Resolution to Approve and Adopt the 2022 Budget as written. Michelle Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Resolution to Appropriate Funds for 2022: The Board reviewed the Resolution to Appropriate Funds for 2022 document as presented by Penny Bishop.

- ❖ Michelle Malish moved to approve the Resolution to Appropriate Funds for 2022 as written. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report

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

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.

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

Miscellaneous & Mail

Review for comment of Ouray Silver Mines submission of an amendment to its Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety Section 112d designated mining operations and reclamation permit: Penny Bishop reviewed with the board the documents associated with the reclamation permit as submitted. The board reviewed the documents and determined that there was no need to make any recommendations.

CVRF Grant Update: Penny Bishop reported to the board that the CVRF Grant application was approved for \$2,791.91.

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 7:56 pm

The next meeting will be in January 11, 2022 and will be held virtually.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer