



**SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**March 9, 2021**  
**via Zoom virtual meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

Absent: Seth Urbanowitz/Ex. Officio

Others Present: Jamison Jewkes/NRCS DC, Mendy Stewart/SCD, Jerry Allen/SCD

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Ken Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made and Penny Bishop added  
STAR Update

Colorado Water Conservation Board Notice of Instream Flow Recommendation Discussion  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Natural Resource Festival Discussion  
Shavano Conservation District/San Miguel Basin Conservation District Merger Update

The minutes from the February regular & special board meetings were presented and reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Shelly Malish moved to accept the February regular meeting & special meeting minutes as presented. Steve Hale seconded the motion and it was carried.

**NRCS Report**

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS was present and gave the NRCS report to the Board. See attached Exhibit "A":

**IWM Update**

Jerry Allen was present to give the IWM update. See attached Exhibit "B".

**New & District Business**

STAR Program Update: Ken Lipton stated that there is a bill on soil health in front of the Legislature. Ken asked if the SCD Board of Supervisors would like to endorse the bill. Board was given a copy of the HB regarding soil health prior to meeting to review.

- ❖ Eddie Atencio moved to endorse the soil health bill that is in front of the legislature. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Penny Bishop was asked to prepare a letter of support for the board and Ken will sign it.

Dallas Creek Project Update: SCD is working with Colorado Rural Water Association & Colorado Department Public Health Environment to improve the sedimentation rate in Dallas Creek & Pleasant Valley Creek in Ouray County. He stated that it is important to many downstream users as these two creeks flow into the Uncompahgre River and any sediment reduction to those two creeks will not only improve the municipal water supplies in the Log Hill area but also reduce sediment in the reservoir which eventually goes down to Montrose & Delta County. Ken stated that he will be working with two landowners to get permission to get back on their properties to propose remediation efforts to reduce sedimentation which would be funded by CDPHE.

CSCB District Retention Waiver Discussion: Penny presented to the board copies of email & retention waiver from CSCB regarding the DCT employee the District hires. Penny stated that CSCB needed the retention waiver signed. Board asked if the District ever signed their waiver. Response was no.

- ❖ Shelly Malish made motion to not sign the CSCB DCT retention waiver again this year. Steve Hale seconded the motion and it was carried.

Board instructed Penny Bishop to respond to CSCB's email and let them know that SCD will not sign retention waiver again this year.

No Chico Brush Project Partnership Update: Ken Lipton stated that he has not met with the No Chico Brush group yet and will be meeting with them Thursday, March 11 and will update the Board as to their intentions at the next board meeting.

SCD/SMBCD Merger Update: Ken Lipton stated that there will be a Public Meeting scheduled on Zoom for March 22 at 6:00pm. The public will have an opportunity to voice their concerns. He also wanted to state that this merger will extend services to the west end of Montrose & San Miguel County.

Supervisor Training Discussion: Penny Bishop explained to the Board the opportunity for Supervisor Training through CSCB. She stated that there were training modules available to the Board and this training could be done online or together as a Board. If done together as a Board, then she would get the tests to them so they could give their answers on paper and she would turn them in. The board agreed to the training and one module will be completed at each board meeting until all modules are complete.

Colorado Water Conservation Board Notice of Instream Flow Recommendations for 2022 Email Discussion: The notice was reviewed by the Board and clarification is needed before the Board will make any recommendations. The Board asked Penny Bishop to get more information from CWCB as to what instream flow appropriations might be. Penny Bishop will alert the Board on the information gathered to allow the Board to decide if there will be recommendations to be made.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Natural Resource Festival Discussion: Mendy Stewart presented to the Board information regarding this year's planned festival. She stated that the City of Montrose would allow the festival but in smaller groups. She also contacted the School Districts and they also agreed that they would participate in this year's Festival. Mendy indicated that she was having difficulty coming up with enough presenters for this year's Festival due to Covid restrictions and that numerous presenters were State & Federal partners. Mendy will follow up with the Board on update at the next board meeting.

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

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to approve the January financials as presented. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Miscellaneous & Mail**

Penny Bishop presented the CACD Annual Dues invoice to the Board for \$1,200.00. It was stated that the annual dues help pay to lobby the Legislature and help to advocate and maintain funding for the Colorado Conservation Districts.

- ❖ Lanny Denham moved to approve to pay the CACD Annual Dues invoice as presented. Steve Hale seconded the motion and it was carried.

Ed Atencio asked for the Boards position on Governor Polis declaration on March 20 “Meat Out Day: as a way to promote meatless diets to his constituents. Ed Atencio asked the Board to oppose this declaration as we are here to support our farmers and ranchers of our community and send it to Governor Polis. The Board agreed and Ed Atencio will draft a letter of opposition and Penny Bishop will send it to Governor Polis.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 13 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,

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Ken Lipton, President

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Roxi Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer