



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2021
via Zoom virtual meeting

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Seth Urbanowitz/Ex. Officio, Jack Brungardt/Excused

Others Present: Jamison Jewkes/NRCS RTL, Mendy Stewart/SCD, Jerry Allen/SCD, Paul Kehmeier/CDA, Nikki Brinson/CSCB

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

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. Review Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners/Jamison Jewkes and Soil Health Collaborative Meeting Update/Ken Lipton was added.

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

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

NRCS Report

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS was present and gave the NRCS report to the Board. Jamison reported on new state initiative-Conservation Planning First. This initiative will give the applicants a more solid plan and costs before the contract period starts. He reviewed the NRCS Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners document with the board of supervisors. The Board will sign the document and Penny Bishop will send the signed document to Jamison.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen was present to give the IWM update. See attached Exhibit "B". He also updated the Board on the S.T.A.R. program.

Guest Speaker-Paul Kehmeier/Salinity Project Coordinator-CDA. Paul Kehmeier reviewed with the Board the 2022 Bureau of Reclamation Salinity Funding Announcement and asked if the Board would be interested in cooperating on a project this coming year. More specifically, a project to map the irrigation ditches in the Colona & Ridgway areas so that these areas would be able to participate in the BOR Funding Announcement as the salinity levels were never mapped. The board stated that a project for this ditch mapping was done and there was resistance from the landowners in these areas to cooperate in mapping most of these ditches. Paul also wanted to know if the board was interested in starting a new salinity area in the West End of Montrose County. Board to discuss this at a future meeting.

Guest Speaker-Nikki Brinson/District Operations Manager-CSCB. Nikki Brinson updated the Board on the Shavano Conservation District/San Miguel Basin Conservation District merger. She stated that the election was held on May 4, 2021 and the merger was voted on and approved. She stated that the next steps will be to update the board's by-laws to figure out how many board members will be seated on the merged board. The Board agreed to update the by-laws at the next regular board meeting.

New & District Business

CDPHE Dallas Creek Project Update: Ken Lipton stated that the grant application was submitted and CDPHE approved the grant with only minor changes which Ken reviewed with the Board. Once approved SCD will start the project. Ken will update the board next month on the progress. Ken asked for a motion from the Board to accept the CDPHE Grant for \$5000.00 which will come up with a plan to remediate two properties on Pleasant Valley Creek and Dallas Creek.

- ❖ Shelly Malish made a motion to accept the CDPHE Grant for \$5000.00. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried.

Steve Hale alerted the Board that he has been in contact with Mountain Studies Organization in Silverton and that they would be interested in collaborating on this project also. Steve to update the Board on their response.

CSCB Matching Grant Discussion: Ken Lipton led the discussion to look at different options to utilize the matching grant this year. Board reviewed possibilities of using outreach & education for the matching grant as well as an on the ground project. Board decided to make application for the CSCB Matching Grant utilizing outreach & education. Mendy to follow up with the Board at next regular meeting.

Review and Approval of NRCS/CSCB/SCD 3-Way Memorandum of Agreement: Ken Lipton stated that he reviewed the MOA with Clint Evans/NRCS & Cindy Lair/CSCB due to some wording in this agreement. Ken Lipton recommended that the Board should approve the MOA.

- ❖ Eddie Atencio made a motion to approve and accept the MOA. Steve Hale seconded the motion and it was carried.

Annual Meeting/LWG Planning Discussion: The Board discussed the planning of the Annual Meeting/LWG for this year. The Board agreed to hold the Annual Meeting/LWG meeting in person and agreed to hold it at the Elks Lodge. Tentative date for the meeting will be June 8, 2021 and Penny will alert the Board as soon as the date is confirmed.

Soil Health Collaborative Meeting Update: Ken Lipton updated the Board that the Soil Health Bill HB-1181 is still in front of the Senate and if passed would free up a lot of funding for soil health initiatives. He also stated that there is a stimulus bill that could potentially provide tremendous amount of funding to conservation districts through CDA if passed. He also updated the Board that CDA has hired a new soil health scientist, Ryan Taylor. Also, CDPHE has more water quality grants available.

CSCB Supervisor Training Module: Penny Bishop tabled the Supervisor Training for July's regular board meeting due to time constraints.

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

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

Miscellaneous & Mail

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00pm** with the location to be determined at a later date as soon as Annual Meeting venue has been secured.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer