



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2022 6:30PM
virtually via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Steve Hale /excused

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Lanny Denham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the December regular meeting and December special meeting were presented and reviewed by the Board.

❖ Roxi Stewart moved to accept the December regular and special meeting minutes as presented. Jack Brungardt 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 sign up and eligibility deadline date for FY2022 contracts was extended to January 22, 2022. He stated that the State of Colorado released a new EQIP program which will include cover crops and the sign-up opportunity will be released soon. Staffing updates included a Soil Conservationist position which he said the job offer had been accepted and that the new hire will start in early spring. He said that NRCS also has an open position for Civil Engineer which it had not been filled yet. Covid update was that the NRCS office was moved to 50% staffing from the past 75% staffing. He also stated that the NRCS Snotel report which was released on January 6, 2022 showed snow water equivalent improved to over 129% in our basin.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen was present to give the IWM update. See attached Exhibit "A". Jerry also asked for the board's decision for hosting a meeting with farmers/growers in our valley regarding growing malt barley for Proximity Malt. Board discussed the opportunity which would be co-sponsored by the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association and CSU Extension. Jerry asked for \$165.00 to pay for SCD's portion of the venue fee at the Montrose Event's Center. UVWUA will pay \$200 and CSU Extension will donate in-kind.

❖ Lanny Denham moved to be co-sponsors of the Proximity Malt malt barley growers meeting and fund the \$165 for the venue fee. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was passed. All in favor and no opposed.

New & District Business

Pleasant Valley Creek-Dallas Creek Updates & UWP Presentation: Ken shared a power point presentation which he will be presenting to the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership on January 13, 2022. This power point explained the Pleasant Valley Creek-Dallas Creek Project and the findings.

GD Watershed Joint Weed Management Project Update: 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 on January 13 via Zoom to discuss biological weed control. He will update the board at next board meeting.

2022 S.T.A.R. Plus Program Update: Ken Lipton stated that there will be a training session for this program on January 24 which he will be attending as well as Jerry Allen and Penny Bishop. The five growers have been selected and we are moving forward.

2021 Draft of Annual Report Review: The 1st draft of the 2022 Annual Report was reviewed. Suggestions were made to add to the report. Penny Bishop was still working at getting final numbers and reports to add to this report.

SCD Board of Directors Expiring Seats & Election Update: Penny Bishop led discussion regarding expiring director seats & the election process. One seat will not run for re-election, one seat will run and one seat is still undecided. Penny will get the appropriate paperwork filed and update the board on progress.

2022 Resolution to Appoint DEO for Signatures: The Board reviewed the 2022 Resolution to Appoint DEO for Signatures document as presented by Penny Bishop.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to approve the Resolution to Appoint Penny Bishop as DEO for Signatures as written. Jack Brungardt seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

2022 Election Resolution for Signatures: The Board reviewed the Election Resolution for Signatures document as presented by Penny Bishop.

- ❖ Carl McKinney moved to approve the Election Resolution for Signatures as written. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

BLM Letter re: Shavano Dam Right of Way Expiration & Re-application: Ken Lipton lead discussion regarding the expiring right of way for the Shavano Dam's on BLM property and the required application to re-apply.

- ❖ Shelly Malish moved to approve the submission of the application to re-apply for BLM right of way. Jack Brungardt 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 December were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Roxi Stewart-Secretary/Treasurer reviewed all financials and approved the Financials for December as submitted.

- ❖ Jack Brungardt moved to approve the December financials as presented. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Miscellaneous & Mail

Letter of Engagement to prepare Application from Exemption from Audit-Don Moreland, PC: Penny Bishop presented the Letter of Engagement and asked for board permission to utilize Don Moreland, PC to prepare the Application from Exemption from Audit and all the necessary paperwork.

- ❖ Carl McKinney moved to approve the Letter of Engagement as presented. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

The next meeting will be in February 8, 2022 and will be held virtually.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer