



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2022
7:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Roxi Stewart, Carl McKinney, Steve Hale, Eddie Atencio, Shelly Malish, Penny Bishop/DM

Absent: Ken Lipton/Excused, Lanny Denham/Excused

Others Present: Mendy Stewart/SCD, Casey Harrison/NRCS, Kris Holstrom/SMBOCC, Greg Peterson/CAWA, Delta Conservation District technician.

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm by Secretary/Treasurer, Roxi Stewart. A quorum was present. Roxi Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- ❖ Steve Hale made a motion to accept the September regular meeting minutes as presented. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

NRCS Report

Casey Harrison/Soil Conservationist for NRCS presented the written report which was prepared by Jamison Jewkes, RTL for NRCS. Also discussed was the thought that NRCS would like to get the boards contact information with their bio so as it could be passed out to producer's that might be needing advice on items that NRCS could not help then with. The board agreed to put together this information and get it to the local NRCS office. Introduced to the board was a Delta Conservation District tech which is interested in applying for the CSCB DCT position for the 2023 year.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen was not present but submitted his written report to the board.

- ❖ Steve Hale made a motion to accept the written report that Jerry Allen prepared for the board. Carl McKinney seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Guest Speaker: Greg Peterson/Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) was present via zoom and spoke to the board on their Ag Drought Resilience Project. He stated that they are looking for drought resilience projects which would reduce consumptive use & evaporation. They are looking for projects that would not be able to get funded by NRCS. He stated that the deadline to apply is December 1, 2022. He gave a few examples of projects they are looking to fund which are soil health projects, alternative crops & row crops, wetland and stream restoration, rotational fallowing, and reduced irrigation. He gave the board the information for anyone interested to contact him.

New & District Business

STAR Plus Round 1 Equipment Grant Update & Motion to Approve Dispersal of Remaining Funds: The remaining 1st Round Equipment Grant funds were discussed by the board. The board was alerted of \$10,000.00 of remaining Round 1 Equipment Grant funds provided by CDA for the STAR Plus Program producers. Two of the producers in the program did not make application for the Round 1 Equipment Grant so it left a balance of unspent funds in SCD's account. SCD reached out to CDA and it was agreed that SCD could split the funds between the producers that purchased equipment in round 1. It was also agreed that the monies will be split proportionally between the participating producers.

- ❖ Eddie Atencio made a motion to approve the S.T.A.R. Plus Equipment Grant unspent \$10,000 funds to be split proportionally between the three producers that purchased equipment in Round 1. Carl McKinney seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

2023 CSCB DCT Grant Update: Penny Bishop updated the board that the 2023 CSCB DCT Grant was funded and therefore will begin the hiring process to find a replacement for the current CSCB DCT which will be retiring at the end of 2022.

2023 CSCB Matching Grant Update: Penny Bishop updated the board that the 2023 CSCB Matching Grant application was funded and SCD will be receiving \$9,023 for 2023 to go towards adult & youth education programs. They also reviewed the application results.

USDA Soil Carbon Monitoring Project Discussion: Item tabled due to Ken Lipton's absence. Will be put on November's agenda for discussion.

2023 Annual Plan of Work 1st Draft Review: Penny Bishop presented to the board the 1st draft of the 2023 Annual Plan of Work. Board reviewed and stated that they would comment before next board meeting on any updates they want to make.

2023 Budget 1st Draft Review: Penny Bishop presented to the board the 1st draft of the 2023 Budget. Board discussed the line items and made changes to a couple line items. Board will review the budget next month.

San Miguel PES Program Update-Ken Lipton was not present to discuss the PES Program but Kris Holstrom, San Miguel BOCC was and she stated that San Miguel is in their budget process and there was no further update to give. She said she would get in touch with Ken Lipton when there was more to report.

Cimarron Ridge Ranch Tour Update: Mendy Stewart updated the board on the Cimarron Ridge Ranch Tour. She stated that the tour was held on Friday, October 7th at Ken & Carol Lipton's ranch. There were 45 4th grade students that participated which were from the Ouray & Ridgway schools. She said that they participated in a hay ride, learned about gated pipe, soil erosion and rangeland management.

Jerry's Retirement Party & Retirement Present Ideas: The board discussed Jerry Allen's retirement and ideas for a party and a retirement gift from the board. The board agreed to hold his party in December in combination with the board's Christmas Party.

WCSHC & VFP Update: Steve Hale stated that the Forums website is under construction and that the event will be held on January 27-28 at the Pavilion. He relayed that the "Soil Health" speakers are mostly confirmed whereas they are still working on confirming the speakers for the "Food & Farm Forum" side. He also said that the group is still rounding up sponsors & vendors.

Sponsorship for the WCSHFFF: The board agreed to table this item until next month when more board supervisors will be present.

Montrose County Thompson Pit Mining Application Update: Steve Hale stated that he met with Buckhorn Engineering and reviewed the plans for the Thompson Pit Mining application. He stated that it was a very well thought out plan and he submitted to the board a letter prepared for comment from SCD which will go to Buckhorn Engineering. The board reviewed the letter submitted by Steve Hale.

- ❖ Eddie Atencio made a motion to approve the letter of comment to Buckhorn Engineering regarding the Thompson Pit Mining application. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Discussion to set up meeting with Tallmadge Richmond-Montrose County Planning & Development Director: Steve Hale led the discussion to set up a meeting with Tallmadge Richmond which he would attend with the board approval. He stated that the meeting would be beneficial for SCD to align the county planning with the agricultural conservation mission & impact of the district. Eddie Atencio also stated that he would like to attend. The board will be updated when the meeting has been set up.

Senate Bill 22-195 Update: Penny Bishop updated the board on the Senate Bill 22-195 which she stated that SCD received \$2,000.00 from CDA which this bill created an annual treasury deposit of \$148,000.00 to be distributed to conservation districts.

CSCB Supervisor Training Module 13: The Board tabled the Module 13 training until next month to allow all of the board members to participate.

Employee Comp Time Report

Penny Bishop presented to the Board a summary of the compensation time used and accumulated by the SCD Employees in September.

Shavano Building Report

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared. Penny stated that she secured a one-year lease on Unit 12 starting October 1, 2022.

Financials

The financial reports, accounts receivable, and accounts payable from September were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Roxi Stewart-Treasurer reviewed all financials and approved the Financials for September as submitted.

- ❖ Steve Hale made a motion to approve the September financials as presented. Eddie Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Miscellaneous & Mail

None presented.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxi Stewart, Treasurer

Steve Hale, Board Supervisor