



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
June 21, 2022 7:00PM
102 Par Place, Conference Room & virtually via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Mendy Stewart/SCD, Jamison Jewkes/NRCS, Adam Zimmerman/NRCS, Anthony Myint/Zero FoodPrint

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Ken Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. No Additions made.

The minutes from the April regular meeting, May Annual meeting & May special meeting were presented and reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Ed Atencio made a motion to accept the April regular meeting minutes, May Annual meeting & May special meeting minutes as presented. Steve Hale seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Guest Speaker: Zero FoodPrint Program Opportunity for STAR Program

Anthony Myint CEO for Zero FoodPrint presented to the board information regarding a grant opportunity that he is working on. See attached "Exhibit A". The Board stated that they will discuss further at July board meeting once SCD determines if there is any interest from the Producers that are enrolled in the STAR Program.

NRCS Report

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS was present and gave a written report. See attached Exhibit "B".

IWM Update

Jerry Allen was present virtually on Zoom and gave the IWM update. See attached Exhibit "C". Jerry updated the Board on the Shavano & Roatcap Dam inspection reports and alerted the board that the dam's passed inspection. He also updated the board on the S.T.A.R. Plus Program in which he stated that there 2 of the 5 producers have already submitted reimbursements for their projects for this year and received payments. The 3 remaining producers were in various phases of completion for this year.

New & District Business

Annual Meeting/Local Work Group Meeting Report: Penny gave a report on the Annual Meeting, see Exhibit "D". Lanny Denham asked to have Jamison's NRCS Report added to the prepared report. Penny will add to the Exhibit "D". Penny is still waiting to collect all the data for the Local Work Group Meeting and will report on this at July's board meeting.

GD Watershed Annual Meeting Planning: The Board agreed on August 18th as the meeting date and location was agreed on at the Pioneer Room in Friendship Hall as 1st choice. Topic agreed upon will be Drought with a highlight on SCD's Dams. SCD will attempt to secure someone from the CRD to speak on the Water situation and also the Palisade Insectary regarding the GD Watershed joint weed management project. More discussion and planning will take place at the July board meeting.

CSCB Matching Grant Discussion: Penny Bishop led the discussion to look at different options to utilize the matching grant for 2023. 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.

- ❖ Steve Hale made a motion to approve moving forward with the 2023 CSCB Matching Grant application utilizing outreach and education for the grant. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Penny & Mendy will prepare the grant application and present it at the next board meeting in July.

WCSHC and VFP Update: Jerry updated the board on the joint discussion of the committees to combine the Western Colorado Soil Health Conference and the Valley Food Partnership's Food and Farm Forum as one. Both committees agreed to move forward and planning is underway. An update at July's board meeting on the progress of the merger.

STAR Plus Equipment Grant Discussion: Ken Lipton lead the discussion on how to utilize the STAR Plus Equipment Grant that will be provided by CDA. Discussion on utilizing it for District equipment was presented as well as utilizing it for the 5 STAR producers in the program.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to approve making the funds available to the 5 STAR producers in the program split equally to all who wanted to apply. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

2023-2025 Long Range Planning: The Board discussed the 2023-2025 LRP and decided on the Natural Resource Priorities for this period to be Drought Resilience, Weed Management and Rangeland Management. Penny Bishop will update the LRP and present the changes at the July board meeting.

Palisade Insectary Project: Ken Lipton stated that the Palisade Insectary project was moving forward and that the Canada Thistle weed project had plenty of participants but the Russian Knapweed weed still needed participants. Shelly Malish stated that she wanted to be included in the Russian Knapweed project. Ken will reach out to the Palisade Insectary to alert them to contact Shelly. Ken will update the board at July's meeting on any new information.

Pleasant Valley Creek Project Update: Ken Lipton updated the board that there will be a meeting coming up with the Rural Water Association and NRCS regarding the Pleasant Valley Creek drainage situation which he will attend and will alert the board to the outcome at July's board meeting.

CSCB Supervisor Training Module 9: The Board successfully passed the module test. The Board will complete Module 10 at the next Board meeting in July.

Employee Comp Time Report

Penny Bishop presented to the Board a summary of the compensation time used and accumulated by the SCD Employees in May. See Exhibit "E"

Shavano Building Report

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared. See attached Exhibit "F2". Penny Bishop also led a discussion on the tenant lease update for a tenant at the Shavano Building that was refusing to sign the new lease extension. She alerted the Board that the lease amendment for which the Board agreed upon has been prepared and waiting for the board to present it to the tenant. Lanny Denham and Steve Hale will present the lease amendment to the tenant before the July board meeting.

Financials

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

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

Miscellaneous & Mail

There was no miscellaneous or mail discussed.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Treasurer