



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

September 13, 2022
7:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Eddie Atencio/Excused, Shelly Malish/Excused

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Ken Lipton. A quorum was present. Ken Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. Steve Hale added Discussion on how to develop a policy to evaluate subdivision process in the planning department.

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

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to accept the August regular meeting minutes as presented. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

NRCS Report

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS reported to the board updates on staffing. The Jeff Long, current Engineer for NRCS has taken a new position as Area 2 Engineer and will only be working on local contracts until end of September. Jamison stated that there is a NRCS announcement in the works to hire 2 new engineers by the end of the year. The State is reviewing the local workload and they will hold a business plan meeting in October to manage the engineer backlog. He also stated that the Fiscal Year for NRCS will end September 30th.

IWM Update

Jerry Allen gave the IWM written report and update. Jerry updated the Board on the S.T.A.R. Plus Program Equipment Grant 2nd round. He reviewed with the board the verbal ok to proceed with the STAR producer's 2nd round Equipment Grant that the board agreed on and asked the board to make a motion to approve the S.T.A.R. producers that will be applying for the second round.

New & District Business

STAR Plus 2nd Round Equipment Grant Motion to Approve Board Members Verbal Approval of Equipment Grant: The 2nd Round Equipment Grant was discussed in Jerry Allen's IWM Update. The three producer's that will be putting in Equipment grant applications will be Cliff Chiles, David Harold & Mike Curtis.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to approve the S.T.A.R. Plus Equipment Grant add on as verbally approved. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

San Miguel County's proposed Comprehensive Compost and Food Waste Reduction Project Support Update: Ken Lipton updated the Board on the conversation he had with Kris Holstrom, SMBOCC. He stated that San Miguel County has applied for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant and Ken stated that if they get the grant, then there will be \$8000.00 for field work and another \$1000.00 for administration to set up compost test site and gather field information for SCD.

GD Watershed Annual Meeting Update: The written report was reviewed by the board. Board commented that the tour was well attended. Ken Suggested that we hold a LWG meeting for NRCS at each GD watershed meeting to give the districts a better picture of the needs of the watershed.

WCSHC and VFP Update: Steve Hale updated the board on the Western Colorado Soil Health Food & Farm Forum. He stated that the administrative committee met this month with Montrose County Commissioner, Sue Hansen & Montrose County Communications Director, Katie Yergensen and that the county is supportive of using the Montrose County Event's Center in 2024 for a possible Ag Expo. He also asked the board for approval of a quote that will be submitted to the newspaper regarding the combined conference. *"While having served as the administrative and fiduciary agent for the Western Colorado Soil Health annual conference, the Shavano Conservation District is excited to now join forces with Valley Food Partnership's Food and Farm Forum in developing a single event. Beyond the saving of staff and volunteers' time and effort, we feel there is a real synergy developing between the two groups as we share the common goals of building the health of farm and rangelands, and building the viability of local and regional farm operations."* The board was in agreement of the quote.

2023-2025 Long Range Plan Final Review and Resolution: The Board reviewed the final submission of the 2023-2025 LRP and made final amendments to the LRP.

- ❖ Steve Hale made a motion to approve the 2023-2025 Long Range Plan as amended. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

CSCB Supervisor Training Module 12: The Board successfully passed the module test. The Board will complete Module 13 at the next Board meeting in October.

Employee Comp Time Report

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

Shavano Building Report

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared. Penny stated that the Tenant in Unit 12 will not be renewing their lease but there is a business that wants to lease unit when it becomes available.

Penny Bishop also relayed to the board the letter received from the Key People regarding the increase in the interior cleaning fee for the building starting October 1, 2022.

- ❖ Lanny Denham made a motion to approve the cleaning fee increase. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Financials

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

- ❖ Lanny Denham made a motion to approve the August financials as presented. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Miscellaneous & Mail

Review & comment on the Application for a Mined Reclamation Permit for the Montrose County Thompson Pit: Steve Hale stated that he reviewed the application and made some suggestions to the board regarding the proposed application. The board suggested that Steve Hale put a letter of comment together for the board to review regarding his concerns. The letter will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Addition to New and District Business

Discussion on how to develop a policy to evaluate subdivision processes in the planning department. Steve Hale suggested that the board should have a policy regarding how to act as a board in order to protect agricultural land when there is an issue regarding ag lands. The board agreed to work on a written policy.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lipton, President

Roxi Stewart, Treasurer