



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

**January 10, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Steve Hale, Lanny Denham, Roxi Stewart, Shelly Malish, Carl McKinney, Penny Bishop/DM

Absent: Ed Atencio (Excused)

Others Present: Casey Harrison/NRCS, Mendy Stewart/SCD, Mona Nkoyoyo/SCD

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm by Steve Hale/President. A quorum was present. Steve Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. Ouray County Planning Subdivision Application for Review

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

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

**NRCS Report**

Casey Harrison/Resource Conservationist for NRCS presented the written report which was prepared by Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS.

**IWM Update**

Jerry Allen/SCD retired IWM submitted his written report for December prior to his retirement on January 1, 2023. The board reviewed and had no comment.

**New & District Business**

Western Colorado Soil Health, Food & Farm Forum Update: Steve Hale updated the board on the upcoming conference. He stated that he would like to have full representation by the board if possible. The cost of the tickets was discussed and if the board could not receive complimentary tickets then the cost would be split among the board members that were attending.

2023 S.T.A.R. Plus Program Update: The board was alerted that CDA sent out a letter stating that the 2<sup>nd</sup> year producer payments for this program were going to be reduced due to budgetary issues and the on-going capacity support was also being reduced. Steve Hale stated that he talked to CDA and was told that they were trying to come up with more funds to make up the shortfall and would hopefully know by early February. The board agreed to table the discussion until next board meeting.

2022 Draft of Annual Report: Penny Bishop discussed the draft of the 2022 Annual Report with the board. She stated that she is still gathering tax revenue information from the counties and will add that in as well as the district accomplishments for the year. The final report will be submitted for approval at February's board meeting.

SCD Board of Directors Expiring Seats & Election Update: Penny Bishop updated the board on the board of director expiring seats. She told the board that 3 of the directors terms would be expiring in May, 2023 which are Lanny Denham, Steve Hale & Michelle Malish. There are also two unfilled board seats that she said needed filled. All expiring board members agreed to submit self-nomination forms and serve again if elected.

2023 Resolution to Appoint DEO for Signatures: The Board reviewed the 2023 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. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

2023 Election Resolution for Signatures: The Board reviewed the Election Resolution for Signatures document as presented by Penny Bishop.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart 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.

Montrose County Gravel Pit Application Review for Comment: The board reviewed the documents supplied by Montrose County Planning Department regarding a gravel pit mining application for the Proposed Farm Road Source Pit. After discussion, the board agreed to draft a letter to the county to oppose the application based on the findings from the committee. Roxi Stewart recused herself from board discussion due to a personal conflict. The discussion was tabled until a committee could be formed and they will report back their findings for approval.

Application Review for Ouray County Proposed Subdivision at 355 CR-24, Ridgway, CO: The board reviewed the documents supplied by Ouray County Land Use regarding the proposed subdivision at 355 CR-24 in Ridgway. Concerns from the board were to preserve the integrity of ag land, and suggested to re-align the road access for the proposed lots to minimize the irrigated land use. The board also was concerned on the potential impacts on wildlife habitat. The board agreed to draft a letter with these concerns. The letter will be drafted and reviewed by the board for submission via email on January 11<sup>th</sup> as the planning commission is requesting a response by this date. If there is no opposition from the board regarding the draft letter, the board agreed to have Penny Bishop send the letter to Ouray County Planning Commission by end of day on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Discussion: The board agreed to have a committee for Land Use/Planning to review applications and letters for comment and report to the board their findings and letters for approval. Ed Atencio will head the committee and Lanny Denham and Steve Hale will also serve on the committee. An Education Committee was also agreed on to help with education activities. Steve Hale & Carl McKinney agreed to serve on that committee. Other committees discussed were the Dam Committee which Roxi Stewart & Lanny Denham agreed to serve to help with issues arising on the flood retention dam's that SCD manages and the Shavano Building Committee which Lanny Denham agreed to serve on to also deal with issues that arise at the building.

Annual Meeting/LWG Meeting Discussion and Planning: The board agreed to hold the Annual Meeting/LWG Meeting on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Venue was discussed and suggestions made. Food was also discussed and suggestions made. A "Soil Health Producer of the Year" Award was also discussed and George Rosenbaum was suggested to receive this award. Mendy will follow up with Conservation Educator of the Year. The board will be updated on the details at next board meeting.

### **Shavano Building and Equipment/Routing Report**

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared.

### **Employee Comp Time Report**

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

## **Financials**

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

- ❖ Lanny Denham made a motion 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 for Exemption from Audit-Don Moreland, PC: Penny Bishop reported to the board that the Exemption from Audit needed to be completed and that Don Moreland, PC was who have used in the past.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to approve Don Moreland, PC to prepare the Exemption from Audit. Shelly Malish seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Steve Hale, President

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Roxi Stewart, Treasurer