



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
March 7, 2023 10:00 AM

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Carl McKinney

Others Present: Clifford Chiles

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Steve Hale. A quorum was present.

No Minutes were reviewed or approved at this meeting.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. Steve Hale added Cheatgrass treatment workshop discussion.

New & District Business

Review partnership options with San Miguel for current PES Program: Steve Hale gave the board the background on the PES Program that San Miguel County is currently running and what San Miguel County is proposing as SCD's involvement in this program. The board discussed the options of this program where SCD could support San Miguel County. Potential options were to take over the program and run it as it is, mirror the STAR program and offer field support only or potentially offer STAR to the existing producers. The board agreed to propose to San Miguel to offer support to the PES Program for field work only through a Shavano CD hired Technical Service Provider.

- ❖ Shelly Malish made a motion to propose to offer San Miguel County one year assistance for soil health by offering technical service providing in the field parallel to what we offer for STAR Program. Ed Atencio seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed and motion was carried.
- ❖ Ed Atencio amended that the original proposal would be based on \$75.00 an hour plus mileage for the technical service provider and \$75.00 an hour for the administration. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed and motion was carried.

Shavano Building rental rate discussion: Steve Hale lead the discussion on increasing rental rates at the Shavano Building due to increased maintenance due to age of building and increasing cost of utilities. The board discussed raising the rents for all tenants to a flat square foot fee. Comparable rental rates were reviewed, cost of utilities and tenants current rates discussed.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to charge all the tenants a flat sq ft fee of \$1.15 across the board and no pets to be allowed except dedicated service dogs. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Also agreed on but not in the motion was that Penny Bishop will prepare the lease amendments and make the increased rents effective April 1, 2023. Penny will alert the board when the lease amendments are prepared and a board member will accompany Penny to review the lease amendments with the tenants.

STAR Plus discussion for additional producers sign on into the program: Penny Bishop alerted the board of the additional sign up for the STAR Plus round two grant. She told the board that SCD can offer this program to five more producers through an application with CDA and be assured that SCD would get those or add the five and have the option of adding an additional ten more to the application for a total of fifteen but that the additional ten above the five assured would have to go through an application ranking and were unsure of the outcome of those ten.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to go forward with the application to CAD to sign up 5 new producers in to the STAR PLUS program. Ed Atencio seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed and motion was carried.

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Cheatgrass treatment workshop discussion: Steve Hale lead the discussion to hold a Cheatgrass treatment workshop that Marcella Tarantino with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies asked if SCD would be interested in hosting this year. She held one a workshop in Gunnison and thought it might be beneficial to offer it to our District. The cost of the workshop would be covered through a grant that Bird Conservancy of the Rockies had secured. Steve Hale pointed out that this would go with our Annual Plan of Work for weed management and also asked if it might be beneficial to involve Delta CD in the workshop.

- ❖ Ed Atencio made a motion to approve the cheat grass treatment seminar similar to what they had in Gunnison and offer to include Delta & Gunnison CD. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed and motion was carried.

Being no further business to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned 9:25am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hale, President

Roxi Stewart, Treasurer