



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

June 13, 2023
6:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Steve Hale, Roxi Stewart, Carl McKinney, Ed Atencio, Zak Danielson, Clifford Chiles, Lanny Denham, Penny Bishop/DM

Absent: None

Others Present: Jamison Jewkes/NRCS, Dustin Shifflett/CSCB Regional Field Specialist, Mona Nkoyoyo/DCT

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Steve Hale/President. A quorum was present. Steve Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to accept the May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Introduction of New CSCB Regional Field Specialist

Dustin Shifflett introduced himself to the SCD Board & staff as the new CSCB Regional Field Specialist. He gave a brief introduction on his qualifications.

NRCS Report

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS provided a written report to the Board. He also added that there is a new program for new NRCS staff which is a mentorship program and would like to include the board as mentors with the new staff as they are hired. Jamison will provide more information as new staff are hired.

Engineer Technician Update

Ramona Nkoyoyo/SCD DCT provided a written Engineer Technician report. The board reviewed.

Education/Outreach Update

Mendy Stewart/SCD Outreach & Education Coordinator provided a written Education report. Mendy Stewart was not present to provide a verbal report. The board reviewed and wanted more information on the Cheat Grass workshop which is being organized.

New & District Business

Western Colorado Soil Health, Food & Farm Forum Update: Steve Hale gave an update that VFP & the WCSHC are still working on agreeing on how the proceeds for the 2023 conference should be split. Steve will be attending a meeting with the VFP leadership as well as the WCSHC committee to come up with an agreement for the 2023 proceeds as well as the 2024 conference. Steve will provide an update at the next board meeting in July.

San Miguel PES Update: Steve Hale reported to the board that Dave Dearstyne, SCD's technical service provider met with and assisted San Miguel's PES producers with soil testing, analysis and producer meetings.

San Miguel CO Comprehensive Compost & Food Reduction Project Update: SCD has agreed to conduct a tour for the Compost & Food Reduction Project and Penny Bishop gave an update on the arrangements being made. Tuesday, August 1 was agreed on by the board for the tour date with backup date of August 10th. The Norwood Library was agreed on for in class presentations and the transportation has been arranged through STA Transport in Montrose. Presenters were discussed and Penny will update the board on details at the next board meeting.

S.T.A.R. Plus Program Update: Penny Bishop provided a written report regarding Round 2 of the program. She reviewed application dates, deadlines and amount of CD support for this round with the board. Penny will update board at next board meeting.

Board Review of Local Work Group Task Guide: Penny Bishop provided a copy of the Local Work Group Task Guide with information that was compiled from the Annual Meeting/Local Work Group meeting in March. SCD Board reviewed.

2024 CSCB Matching Grant Discussion: Board discussion on what area or project the grant should be used for and the board discussed options.

- ❖ Ed Atencio made a motion to focus the grant on Education and Outreach activities for the District. Ed amended the motion to state that the grant amount asked for shall be \$25,000. Zak Danielson seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

2024 CSCB DCT Grant Discussion. The board and Jamison Jewkes/NRCS discussed the 2024 DCT Grant position and what the position should be utilized for next year if funded.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to develop an application for an Engineer Technician for the 2024 DCT Grant. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Dam Survey Update: Mona Nkoyoyo, SCD's Engineer Tech surveyed the Shavano Dams 1&2 and the Roatcap Dam with assistance from NRCS. Mona reviewed the surveys with the Board and stated that the monuments were found and that there was little settling but no real movement noted.

Gunnison CD Merger Discussion: Steve Hale explained to the board about a phone call that he had with a Gunnison CD board supervisor on the current staffing situation for Gunnison CD and a potential discussion about merging with Gunnison CD. Steve was asked if the board wanted to consider opening a discussion on a potential merger with Gunnison CD. Dustin Shifflet, CSCB Regional Field Specialist was present and he agreed to attend the June 27th Gunnison CD Board Meeting and stated that Gunnison CD should go through proper channels first with the CSCB Board to assist first.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to table opening the board discussion with Gunnison CD after they go through proper channels with CSCB. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Employee & Board Supervisor IRS Standard Mileage Rate Increase: Penny Bishop provided the board with the 2023 IRS Standard Mileage Rates. Board discussed new mileage rate increase.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to increase mileage rates to .66/mile for Shavano CD employees and board supervisors. Zak Danielson seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

CSCB Supervisor Training Module 15. Steve Hale led the CSCB Supervisor Training-Module 15. The Board successfully passed the module test. The Board will complete Module 16 at the next Board meeting in July.

Committee Reports

Land Use/Planning Sub Committee Report: Carl McKinney stated that the Mayor of Norwood contacted him to review a 560-acre solar farm that was being proposed outside of Norwood on State land. He stated that it is 51% prime farmland as noted by NRCS, lies in a school section and has been used as grazing. Carl stated that the timeline for comments from SCD is end of July. Carl will gather more information and report back to the board at July's board meeting.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to table the board discussion on this subject until next month when there is more information gathered. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Education Committee Report: Steve Hale stated that Mendy gave a written education report and also added that the SCD is wanting some of the PES participants to be a part of the San Miguel Compost tour in August.

Dam Flood Control Committee Report: Roxi Stewart reported on the Shavano Dams and stated that there was rodent control performed on the Shavano Dams and that she also arranged for rodent control on properties below the Shavano Dams. The weeds will be disked in the basin of the North Shavano Dam. Roxi will contact county weed manager to check on getting some weed killer to remove weeds on in-let structure of dams. Roatcap Dams look good per Lanny Denham.

Shavano Building Committee Report: Lanny Denham reported on building issues which included weed maintenance and general maintenance issues.

Ad Hoc Committee Report: Lanny Denham reported on meeting with a property owner in the Coal Creek area regarding a tail water ditch issue.

Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) regarding 6-month performance review.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) to discuss a personnel matter at 9:07 pm. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

Regular Session was reconvened at 9:18 pm.

A 6-month performance evaluation was performed on an employee by the board.

Ouray BOCC Presentation: Steve Hale attended and presented a power point presentation to Ouray BOCC on the details of what Shavano CD is doing.

Employee Comp Time Report

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

Shavano Building Report

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared in a written report for May.

Financials

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

- ❖ Ed Atencio made a motion to approve the May financials as presented. Zak Danielson seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Miscellaneous & Mail

No Miscellaneous or mail presented for this meeting.

Being no further matters to discuss,

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hale, President

Roxi Stewart, Treasurer