



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

**January 9, 2024**  
**6:30PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Jamison Jewkes/NRCS, Mendy Stewart/SCD, Mona Nkoyoyo/DCT

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Steve Hale/President. A quorum was present. Steve Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. None were added.

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

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

**NRCS Report**

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS gave his NRCS update. Jamison stated that he will include the Snotel Report in the following months in his update. He also stated that the office is starting to approve EQIP & CSP applications now and will be working through the contracts in the following months. He also stated that interviews for the Soil Conservation position had started today and a selection will be made within 2 weeks for that position.

**IWM Update**

Ramona Nkoyoyo/SCD DCT presented a written Engineer Technician report to the board for review for December.

**Outreach/Education Update**

Mendy Stewart presented a written report on the Education/Outreach activities completed in December and upcoming events. She also asked the board for a letter of support for the San Juan Mountains Association for support on an educational grant application.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to approve the Letter of Support to the San Juan Mountains Association as written. Zak Danielson seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

**New & District Business**

Western Colorado Soil Health, Food & Farm Forum Update: Steve Hale updated the board on the upcoming conference. He stated that the event closed the sale of tickets as it has been sold out but online tickets are still available. He asked the board which members are interested in attending the conference. He stated that the Soil Health Committee will be given two complimentary tickets for the conference and SCD would be given one complimentary ticket for the conference. Board members and Soil Health Committee members will utilize the tickets.

2023 S.T.A.R. Plus Program Update: Penny Bishop updated the board on status of the Round 1 & 2 of the program. She also the board that SCD was still needing 2 more applicants to sign up for the program and she is talking to prospective producers. She will update the board at February's board meeting.

2023 Draft of Annual Report: Penny Bishop reviewed the draft of the 2023 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 and NRCS information for the year. The final report will be submitted for approval at February's board meeting.

Annual Meeting/LWG Meeting Discussion and Planning: The board agreed to hold the Annual Meeting/LWG Meeting on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Venue was discussed and suggestions made. Food was also discussed and suggestions made. A "Wildlife Conservationist of the Year" Award as well as a "Producer of the Year" Award and "Soil Health Producer of the Year" Award were discussed. Suggestions were made and nominations given for each category. Mendy nominated Lisa Frank from Pomona Elementary as Conservation Educator of the Year. Bill Head will receive the Earth Team Volunteer Award which was awarded to him in November at the annual CACD meeting that he didn't attend. The board will be updated on the details at next board meeting.

- ❖ Ed Atencio made a motion to award Roger Lord as Wildlife Conservationist of the Year; Billy Goat Hop Farms as Producer of the Year; Indian Ridge Farms as Soil Health Producer of the Year and Lisa Frank as Conservation Educator of the Year. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

2024 IRA DCT Position Update: Penny Bishop alerted the board that the funding for the position was approved by CSCB and will begin advertising for this position.

Small Ditch Company Improvement Project Discussion: Steve Hale led the discussion to facilitate a meeting with the local ditch companies to bring information to them regarding ditch improvement funding. Suggestions to get in touch with Colorado Ag Water Alliance to review funding opportunities that would benefit small ditch companies.

- ❖ Zak Danielson made a motion to facilitate a meeting with the local ditch companies. Lanny Denham seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Calendar Review of Important Meeting Dates: Steve Hale reviewed the 2024 board meeting calendar dates with the board. There were no conflicting dates and no changes were made.

## **Committee Reports**

Land Use/Planning Committee Report: Zak Danielson reviewed the General Letter of Comment as written with the board for approval to give to landowners that do not need an environmental review. Zak will send to the Land Use/Planning Committee and Penny.

No other Committee Reports were given.

## **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.

## **Shavano Building Report**

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

- ❖ Ed Atencio made a motion to approve the December financials as presented. Zak Danielson 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.

- ❖ Lanny Denham made a motion to approve Don Moreland, PC to prepare the Exemption from Audit. Zak Danielson 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. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Steve Hale, President

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Roxi Stewart, Treasurer