



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

May 14, 2024
6:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Roxi Stewart, Clifford Chiles, Zak Danielson, Ed Atencio, Penny Bishop/DM

Absent: Lanny Denham (excused), Steve Hale (excused), Carl McKinney (excused)

Others Present: Casey Harrison/NRCS, Zya Sosa/NRCS, Amanda James/NRCS, Aleksy Cybulski/SCD DCT, Katie Alexander/CSU Extension, Paul Kehmeier/CDA

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Zak Danielson/Board Supervisor. A quorum was present. Zak Danielson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the April 9, 2024 regular meeting were presented and reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to accept the April 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Clifford Chiles seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Guest Speaker

Paul Kehmeier, CDA Lower Gunnison Basin Salinity Coordinator led a discussion regarding Shavano CD working with CDA to provide service in support of CDA's project to have a wildlife habitat replacement plan (HRP) written for a specific property located within the Shavano CD boundaries and have Shavano CD act as the local fiscal agent for this project.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to approve the request to be a fiscal agent for CDA for the wildlife habitat replacement plan agreement as written once a unanimous approval is made by the board of supervisors. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Shavano CD has agreed to give Paul Kehmeier their intent to continue once the board has approved.

Paul Kehmeier also discussed with the board a potential for the BOR to expand the Salinity Control Designation area into the west end of Montrose County & San Miguel County. Paul suggested that Shavano CD write a letter to the BOR once the District has spoken with the ditch companies in the San Miguel area and find there is active interest in this.

WCSHC & VFP Committee Report

John Pavlich was not present to give the report. This item was tabled until next board meeting.

NRCS Report

Casey Harrison/Resource Conservationist for NRCS provided to the Board his written NRCS update as well as a Snotel update. He introduced a Zya Sosa, a new employee for NRCS to the board as well.

IRA DCT Report

Aleksy Cybulski/SCD IRA DCT presented a written IRA DCT report to the board for review for April.

New & District Business

S.T.A.R. Plus Program Update: Penny Bishop provided a written report to the board on status of the Round 1 & 2 of the STAR program.

Review of the Resolution approved on 4/9/24 by SCD in Support of the Montrose County Commissioners Opposition for the Dolores River National Monument and discussion to amend said resolution: The board tabled this discussion as there were not enough board members present to complete the discussion.

Discussion to include private landholdings that are not included within the Shavano District boundaries: Zak Danielson led the discussion and the board requested that Penny Bishop check with the CSCB to determine why private landholdings were not included in Shavan CD's district and what the next steps would be to include the private landholdings. The board tabled the discussion until the next board meeting to allow for more information to be obtained.

IRA DCT Update: Penny Bishop updated the board on the IRA DCT position which they are in the process of hiring. She stated that the new employee is due to start work on May 28th and is completing the mandatory documents required by NRCS.

Committee Reports

Dams Report: Roxi Stewart reported to the Board that there are still rodents below the Shavano Dam in the irrigated fields and that the landowners were trying to figure out what they were going to do.

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 April.

Shavano Building Report

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

Financials

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

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

CSU Extension Report

Katie Alexander with CSU Extension updated the board on upcoming tours and workshops CSU Extension is involved in. She also updated the board on the Gunnison County Hwy 50 bridge closure and the effects it is having on local ag producers. Katie also asked the board to consider supporting the Southern Sweet Pea Production Research being led by Todd Ballard/Agronomist for CSU Extension.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart made a motion to approve writing a letter in support of the Southern Sweet Peak Production Research Trials. Ed Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Miscellaneous & Mail

No miscellaneous or mail was presented.

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 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zak Danielson, Board Supervisor

Roxi Stewart, Treasurer