



# Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125  
April 18, 2024  
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Members and staff present were Brian Neufeld, Danny Neufeld, Sherry Haugen, Lynne Thompson, and Mattea Freel. Guests present were Mark Wagner, Larry Brown, and Hannah Thill.

Danny moved to approve the February minutes. Sherry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## Reports

Sherry moved to approve the financial report. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried. Sherry moved to approve ratifying the bills. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was not an NRCS District Conservationist Report.

The CSFS Report by Mark included the Tree Pruning Workshop in Center on April 29, the Tree Planting Project on May 7, and the Poncha Pass Phase 2 Project is delayed until Fall 2024.

The CSU Agent Report by Larry included Research Farm staffing updates, updates on the Wool Pellet Project moving to Kyle Beiriger's farm, an update on the alternative crop project with a new CSU intern to help with enterprise budgets, and a project concerning revegetation on dried up circles with two groups (one locally-led by Patrick O'Neill and CO Open Lands, and one by Annie Overlin).

The RGWCEI Report by Hannah included Conservation Camp updates, the Watershed Meeting will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> during Camp, the Envirothon follow-up meeting, a possible fundraiser for a community-wide Envirothon trivia night in September, and the Tree Planting Project with Sargent and possibly Center school students participating.

Mattea gave the District Manager Report on the following topics: Tree Planting Project updates on May 7, updates on the Wool Pellet Project, updates on the Weed Spraying program, updates for the Colorado Soil Health program, updates on the Adams State Mini Pivot Project, District Manager Training on April 22-23, and the RGWCEI accounting opportunity.

## Unfinished Business

The updated bylaws were reviewed. Mattea will begin the legal process of updating the bylaws with a petition.

## New Business

Separating the mini-pivot under its own farm unit number with Subdistrict 1 was discussed.

Sherry moved to place the mini-pivot under its own farm unit. Danny seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Leasing weed spraying equipment to Saguache County was discussed. Due to a conflict of interest, Lynne abstained from a vote.

Sherry moved to approve the lease estimates for equipment to Saguache County. Danny seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with a Joint meeting at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.