



# Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125  
August 17, 2023  
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 pm. Members present were Danny Neufeld, Brian Neufeld, Lynne Thompson, Sherry Haugen, and Mattea Klein. Guests present were Ron Riggerbach, Hannah Thill, and Larry Brown.

Danny moved to approve the July minutes. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## Reports

Sherry moved to approve the financial reports. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Lynne moved to ratify and pay bills. Sherry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ron gave an update about summer tasks for the NRCS for the District Conservationist Report.

Mattea gave an update on the STAR Plus Program and accounting for the Districts for the District Manager Report.

## Unfinished Business

The resolution for allowing virtual fencing as part of NRCS cost assistance was approved for writing and will be prepared by the Fall Watershed Meeting. A draft resolution was prepared. Danny moved to approve the draft resolution. Sherry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ideas for a fifth board member were discussed. A teacher or agribusiness partner was proposed.

## New Business

The RGWCEI Shared Employee Agreement draft was reviewed. Lynne moved to accept the Agreement with exceptions of striking the last sentence in section 2 paragraph c. Sherry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Consideration of Hard Rock Reclamation Permit Acreage Release Request was reviewed. Mattea will contact Dustin M. Czaplak about securing a copy of the original reclamation plan and working with Ron to conduct a field assessment.

Danny moved to support the release pending a technical investigation from the NRCS based on the review of the original reclamation plan with a vote to approve or deny the release to be made by email. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A special meeting was entertained as needed based on the email vote.

A public comment from Tom McCracken was delivered by Lynne about securing board members for the Saguache County Weed Advisory Board. Danny expressed interest in becoming a member. Mattea will submit monthly reports to the Advisory Board about Center's Weed Spraying Program.

Larry Brown gave an SLV Extension Report about the Coffee Break Project on August 21<sup>st</sup>, a Grazing Workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Mosca-Hooper's Weed Control Workshop, and the Ag Production Systems Agent position.

The Fall Watershed Meeting will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Ski-Hi Conference Center.

The next meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.