



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
December 14, 2023
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm. Members present were Brian Neufeld, Danny Neufeld, Sherry Haugen, Lynne Thompson, and Mattea Freel. Guests present were Adam Moore (CSFS) and Hannah Thill (RGWCEI).

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

Reports

Danny moved to approve the financial report as presented. Sherry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mattea gave the District Manager report on the following topics: CAWA Ag Water Summit, CACD Annual Meeting, meeting w/ Adams State University students, CWCB grant submission, 1st Southwest Bank Technology Grant submission, taking the role as the Watershed communications coordinator, submission of the CDA Noxious Weed Grant and partnerships with Saguache County, the Yellow flag iris outbreak near Silver Lakes Estates, and the new logo design. Sherry moved to approve the new logo for the District. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adam reported for the Colorado State Forest Service on the CACD Annual Meeting breakout session presentation which focused on District partnership opportunities and the Colorado Tree Coalition Grant opening and due January 17th. Project ideas included windbreak restoration and pollinator habitats at the building. The board decided to submit a grant for a project to establish a pollinator habitat at the building including a drip irrigation system. Mattea will meet with Adam and discuss the project with Dr. Buser at Adams State University to design the project and budget.

There was not an NRCS, CSU Extension, or RGWCEI report.

Unfinished Business

There was not an update on the search for the fifth board member.

The updated draft budget was reviewed and discussed. Lynne motioned to ratify the 2024 budget. Sherry seconded and the motion carried. Lynne motioned to disperse funds for the 2024 budget. Danny seconded and the motion carried.

The 2021-2023 long range plan was reviewed and updated for 2024-2026. Lynne motioned to approve the 2024-2026 long range plan. Sherry seconded and the motion carried.

Mattea will present a draft Annual Report at the January meeting for review with additional topics of virtual fencing and forestry projects.

New Business

Sherry moved for the Center Conservation District to take a position of support for the Rye Resurgence Project. Danny seconded and the motion carried.

Equipment ideas for utilizing the STAR+ Equipment Grant were discussed including no-till drill, composting equipment, biochar equipment, vertical till, seeders that can shoot into the ground

The next meeting will be held on January 18th at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.