



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
February 15, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm. Members and staff present were Brian Neufeld, Danny Neufeld, Sherry Haugen, Lynne Thompson, and Mattea Freel. Guests present were Larry Brown and Ron Riggerbach.

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

Reports

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

Ron provided the NRCS District Conservationist Report which included the unfunded cooperative agreement.

There was not a CSFS report.

Larry reported on CSU Extension activities including the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference successes and start-up for next year, the ag business workshop on March 26-27 to build enterprise budgets for local ag commodities at the RGWCD office in Alamosa, possibly holding a COMET training at a future board meeting, Ag Fest, the new Extension Agents, and hiring a Rio Grande County Coordinator and summer CSU intern.

Mattea provided a RGWCEI report on Ag Fest, which was held on February 13-15 for 5th graders to learn about agriculture and the upcoming state Envirothon competition where there will be 3 teams going from the SLV.

Mattea gave the District Manager Report on the following topics: the Saguache County Tax Grant was submitted on February 9th for additional funding for educational programming, receiving the CSD Pool Safety Grant to purchase a monitor for the board room, attending SRMAC and speaking on the panel about black oats & alternative forage crops, the wool pellet study, an update on the mini pivot project, and the exemption from audit process.

Unfinished Business

Shawn Beiriger will be invited to be the fifth board member and, if accepted, will be sworn in at the March meeting.

Options for the STAR+ Equipment Grant were discussed. The idea of partnering with RGCD to purchase shared equipment that can be rented, such as a no-till drill or virtual fencing towers with or without a trailer, was entertained.

New Business

The current bylaws were reviewed. The process of updating the bylaws will begin and a revised version will be presented at the March meeting.

The next meeting will be held on March 14th at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.