



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
February 19, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm. Members and staff present were Brian Neufeld, Shawn Beiriger, Lynne Thompson, Sherry Haugen, Danny Neufeld, and Mattea Freel. Guests included Hannah Thill, Ron Riegenbach, and Larry Brown.

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

Reports

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

The RGWCEI Report included meeting with the Center Envirothon teams, prepping for Envirothon, Ag Fest, having the water trailer at the Crane Fest, and camp registration will open March 1st.

The NRCS District Conservationist Report included 2025 fiscal year ranking for EQIP and CSP contracts, continuing Farm Bill payments on EQIP and CSP contracts, IRA funding will continue for obligated contracts, NRCS is currently under a hiring freeze, the continuing resolution is in place until March 14th, and the snowpack is currently 71%.

There was no Forest Service Report.

The CSU Agent Report included the Ag Conference, Annie's Project Feb. 20-22, the Agbusiness/Enterprise workshop March 12-13. The CSU Research Farm is working on the revegetation project and intern solicitation for the revegetation and alternative crops programs. There will be an ag social in Saguache on March 14th.

The District Manager Report included grant writing updates (CAWA, CSCB Supplemental Matching Grant, CWCB Water Plan Grant, SC Sales Tax Grant, and Western SARE Grant), updates on the Wool Pellet Project, Ag Conference, Science Fair, continuing the exemption from audit process, continuing the election process, and a funding-cut update on the WLCC program.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

The Exemption from Audit Letter was reviewed and signed.

Sherry moved to elect Mattea Freel as the DEO. Lynne seconded and the motion carried.

Sherry moved to disburse \$24,000 from the Joint Farm Account to the Center Conservation District bank account. Danny seconded and the motion carried.

Sherry moved to donate \$500 to the Watershed account to pay for Conejos Conservation District administration costs. Danny seconded and the motion carried.

Sherry moved to donate \$100 to the SLVWMA for funding updated educational pamphlets. Shawn seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on March 19th at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.