



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
July 21, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM. Members and staff present were Brian Neufeld, Shawn Beiriger, Sherry Haugen, Danny Neufeld, and Mattea Freeland. Guests included Casey Freeland.

Danny moved to approve the June minutes. Danny seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reports

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

There was no NRCS District Conservationist Report.

There was no Forest Service Report.

The CSU Agent Report, provided by Mattea, included the Working the Llano Sin Agua workshop, the July 7th CSU Meet-Up, Research Farm Field Days the 23-24, fair, and updates on the Revegetation Project. The mini-pivot was planted on June 17th with a mix to prep the field for complete revegetation. Soil moisture monitors will be installed soon.

The RGWCEI Report, provided by Mattea, included Hannah becoming the CACD Watershed Technician for the Rio Grande and Arkansas, a summary of Conservation Camp, updates for the Camp registration system next year, using the river trailer, Range Judging has a tentative date of Oct. 1st, and attending Camp Rocky.

The District Manager Report included the mini-pivot and Revegetation Project updates, CWCB grant application updates, submitting the CSCB Matching Grant for puncturevine rollers and a weed management workshop, attending the CSU meetup, attending the Mosca-Hooper Field Day, working with Saguache County for the weed management program and Mountain Valley puncturevine treatment, possibly selling the pickup to High Desert CD, and the upcoming CSU Research Farm Field Days.

Unfinished Business

The board revisited the circle lease renewal. The board agreed to extend B&B's contract an additional year for fall rye and grazing. Afterward, they need to submit a conservation plan. If the circle goes out for bid again, lease terms would be on a case-by-case basis with different conservation practices weighted differently.

New Business

The board discussed Watershed resolution ideas. Some ideas included encouraging hiring, not firing NRCS employees to increase and maintain employee levels. The board was encouraged to review the CACD Policybook.

Sherry moved to approve a \$300 general sponsorship for the CACD annual meeting. Shawn seconded and the motion carried.

Sherry moved to enter an executive session for C.R.S. 24-6-402(f): personnel matters to discuss the District Manager's annual review. Shawn seconded and the motion carried.

Sherry moved to approve a 3% raise for the District Manager. Shawn seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on August 14th at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.