



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
March 21, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm. Members and staff present were Danny Neufeld, Sherry Haugen, Lynne Thompson, Shawn Beiriger, and Mattea Freel. Guests present were Madeline Wilson and Ron Riggenschach.

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

Reports

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

Ron provided the NRCS District Conservationist Report which included the EQIP funding process for 2024, applications for the RCPP Groundwater Protection program, Anna Greenberg will no longer be working with SLV NRCS after April 10th and that the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies will be hiring for that position, and the SNOTEL report was at 102%

There was not a CSFS report.

Madeline reported on CSU Extension activities including the COMET training on the 25th, the Ag Business workshop March 26th and 27th, hiring an assistant farm manager, and research projects (alternative crops on millet and beans with a budget and market analysis, wool pellet study on potatoes to test 25% reduced water rate, and putting cover back on dry circles).

There was not a RGWCEI report.

Mattea gave the District Manager Report on the following topics: the Watershed meeting and asking for feedback from the board, the Working Lands Conservation Corps DCT opportunity, the Science Fair, the smartboard, received grant funding from CTC for the tree planting project, the Watershed resolution about virtual fencing and that the NRCS has approved it for FY2025, receiving the CWCB grant for the Adams State mini-pivot project, and funding ask from the SLV Spay & Neuter Alliance.

Unfinished Business

The updated bylaws were reviewed. Approval was tabled to the April meeting.

New Business

Shawn Beiriger was sworn in as the fifth board member and was provided with an onboarding packet. The Exemption from Audit was reviewed and approved.

The Joint account disbursement was discussed.

Sherry moved to approve a disbursement of \$9,530.00 from the Joint account. Lynne seconded and the motion carried.

Lease options for a virtual fencing tower were reviewed.

Public Comment

Saguache County asked the board to review their Weed Manager position job description.

The next meeting will be held on April 18th at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.