



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
November 16, 2023
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm. Members present were Brian Neufeld, Danny Neufeld, Sherry Haugen, Lynne Thompson, and Mattea Freel. Guests present were Kendall Neufeld, Adam Moore (CSFS), and Hannah Thill.

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

Reports

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

There was not an NRCS or CSU Extension Agent report. Mattea gave a brief update about CSU Extension activities including the endowment fund for an additional 4-H agent and a status update on the Coffee Break Project.

Mattea gave the District Manager report on the following topics: registration fees are covered for the CAWA Summit, all 10 spots were filled for the STAR+ Program, submission of the Conservation Innovation Grant for virtual fencing, the SLVWMA meeting and application for the CDA Noxious Weed Grant, getting the storage unit closed, and an update on the Adams State mini pivot partnership research project.

Adam gave a report on the Colorado State Forest Service about involvement in the environmental field trip in South Fork in October, the Colorado Coalition tree grants for tree-planting projects (which the Center CD has received in the past for windbreaks), the Colorado Nursery seedling program, attending the CACD Annual Meeting, and status of the windbreaks in Saguache County on Hwy 17.

Hannah gave a report on RGWCEI activities including the environmental field trip in South Fork in October which had a forestry, river ecology, and range ecology.

Unfinished Business

Brian did not have an update on the search for the fifth board member.

The updated draft budget was reviewed.

New Business

The board agreed to have a booth at the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference and potentially partner with Rio Grande CD, Mosca-Hooper CD, and RGWCEI.

Mattea will be applying for the CDA Noxious Weed Grant which is due by December 15th.

The Long Range Plan needs to be updated for 2024-2026. The board reviewed the current Long Range Plan and will be brainstorming topics for the December meeting.

Topics to include on the 2023 Annual Report were discussed which may include: STAR+, Weed Program, Joint Farm Circle, Mini Pivot Project, and etc.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.