



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
October 19, 2023
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm. Members present were Brian Neufeld, Danny Neufeld, Sherry Haugen, Lynne Thompson, and Mattea Freel. Guests present were Ron Riggerbach, Hannah Thill, Kendall Neufeld, and Zena Buser.

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

Reports

Sherry moved to approve the financial reports. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Ron gave an update about cost-share funding (EQIP, CSP, etc.), the Inflation Reduction Act funding, and groundwater RCPP sign-ups via CO Open Lands for the District Conservationist Report (NRCS).

Mattea gave the District Manager report on the following topics: websites, logos, Facebook pages, storage unit clean out, District Highway sign, SLV Range Judging, Ag Conference programming and planning, STAR+ progress, Conservation Innovation Grant for virtual fencing, CACD Annual Meeting registration, and CAWA Ag Water Summit. The board approved an application for the Conservation Innovation Grant for virtual fencing and Mattea's attendance at the CAWA Ag Water Summit.

Unfinished Business

Brian mentioned that he has a few candidates in mind for the fifth board member, but as of now, no new progress has been made.

New Business

The board members participated in poster contest judging of 16 posters from Center Schools.

The draft budget was reviewed and approved by the board for continuation for the final budget.

The board approved exchanging funds with Rio Grande to support the District Manager's payroll based on percentage of time worked.

Finding additional sprays or a QS was discussed. It was proposed that Mattea start the process of becoming a QS and looking for a confident sprayer with a private applicators license.

NACD membership fees were discussed. The board decided to pay \$300 to NACD. Sherry moved to approve the motion of paying NACD dues. Lynne seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on November 16th at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.