



Center Conservation District

Center, CO 81125
October 17, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Members and staff present were Brian Neufeld, Shawn Beiriger, Sherry Haugen, Lynne Thompson, Danny Neufeld, and Mattea Freel. Guests included Hannah Thill, Garth Schaefer, Larry Brown, Angie Mestas, Max Muller, Madeline Wilson, and Ron Riggenbach.

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

Reports

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

Ron gave an NRCS District Conservationist Report on starting the new fiscal year, the continuing resolution is set through Dec. 20th, and the Annual Civil Rights Review with the Districts will be due at the end of November.

Max gave a CSFS Report on the completed Rusty Waters Timber Sale, submitting grants, forest ag season, and upcoming sales in the Saguache area.

Madeline and Larry gave a CSU Extension Report on upcoming events: the dry bean enterprise workshop on Oct. 28th, the ag commodities outlook workshop on Oct. 28th, and the ag stress management event on Nov. 4th. The revegetation project is continuing, the SLVWPP is undergoing data compilation, and the CSU Research Farm projects on millet and dry beans are winding down.

Hannah gave a RGWCEI Report on fall educational programming: pumpkin patch, poster contest presentations, FFA Range Judging, and fall field trips.

Mattea gave a District Manager Report on the following topics: fall educational programming, grant applications for the SLVWPP, the CSCB Matching Grant for 2024 and 2025, the WLCC Program, CSHP updates for reimbursements, and the weed spraying program.

Unfinished Business

Danny provided an update on Saguache County purchasing the weed spraying equipment and opened the opportunity for discussion. This would allow the equipment to be maintained and stored by the County. Lynne mentioned the County may not have funds for 2025 for this purchase. Brian recommended entering a short-term contract with the County for maintenance and storage of equipment before purchase. This will be further discussed during the meeting on Oct. 22nd.

New Business

The amended supplemental 2024 budget was presented.

Sherry moved to approve the amended supplemental 2024 budget. Danny seconded and the motion carried.

Shawn moved to disburse the approved funds for the 2024 budget. Lynne seconded and the motion carried.

The public comment period was opened.

The next meeting will be held on November 6th at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.