



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
102 Par Place, Suite 4, Montrose, CO 81401
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2024
6:30PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Steve Hale, Roxi Stewart, Clifford Chiles, Zak Danielson, Ed Atencio, Carl McKinney, Penny Bishop/DM

Absent: Lanny Denham (excused)

Others Present: Jamison Jewkes/NRCS, Mona Nkoyoyo/DCT, Aleksy Cybulski/DCT, Katie Alexander/CSU Extension

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Steve Hale/President. A quorum was present. Steve Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call for Additions to the agenda was made. None were added.

The minutes from the February 13, 2024 regular meeting were presented and reviewed by the Board.

- ❖ Zac Danielson made a motion to accept the February 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Edd Atencio seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

CSU Extension Report

Katie Alexander with CSU Extension updated the board on the Ag Appreciation Day event and also talked about two surveys she was asked to inform the board on. She stated that CSU is working on putting together a directory of producers and agricultural products they are producing to be able to make that list available to the public.

NRCS Report

Jamison Jewkes/RTL for NRCS provided to the Board his written NRCS update as well as a Snotel update. He also reviewed with the board the NRCS Civil Rights Responsibilities for Board Members document.

Engineer Technician DCT Report

Ramona Nkoyoyo/SCD DCT presented a written Engineer Technician report to the Board for review for February & March. She also informed the board that this would be her last board meeting she will be attending as she has taken on her new position with NRCS on April 8.

IRA DCT Report

Aleksy Cybulski/SCD IRA DCT presented a written IRA DCT Technician report to the board for review for March.

Outreach/Education Report

Mendy Stewart was absent and no update was given.

WCSHC & VFP Committee Report

Katie Alexander/WCSHC member gave a verbal update to the board regarding the WCSHC. The committee met to discuss a farm & ag trade show. The dates will be November 15 & 16 to be held at the Montrose Events Center. The committee will meet in May to discuss more of the details. The committee is working on recruiting new members and she also stated that the committee is working on putting together a soil health tour this summer.

Steve Hale/VFP committee member stated that the Western Colorado Soil Health Food & Farm Forum Conference that was held in January made around \$13,000 after expenses. Those proceeds will be used for next year's conference.

New & District Business

Small Ditch Co Funding Improvement Workshop Update: Penny Bishop provided a written report to the board on the workshops which were held on March 12th in Colona and March 13th in Norwood. Steve Hale also spoke on the conference. He asked to send copies of the completed survey results to the speakers as well as thank you cards. Discussion regarding grant writing possibilities to help with the grant process for these ditch company grants to get funding.

S.T.A.R. Plus Program Update: Penny Bishop provided a written report to the board on status of the Round 1 & 2 of the STAR program.

Annual Meeting/LWG Meeting Report: Penny Bishop presented to the Board the 2024 Annual Meeting Report which also included the Income/Expense report for the event. Penny also presented a written Local Work Group Meeting report indicating the top resource concerns for the District and information that was compiled for NRCS.

Shavano Building Lease Expirations and Discussion on Rental Rates: Penny Bishop presented to the Board the comparable rental rates information, 3-year P&L for the Shavano Building and projected rental rate increases based on per square foot. The board discussed the current rates which the Board is charging the tenants in addition to the current and projected expenses. The board also reviewed comparable rental rates of other commercial properties that are for rent.

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to increase building rents to \$1.25/sf effective May 1, 2024. Zak Danielson seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Proposed National Monument for Dolores River Discussion: Penny Bishop provided the brief background on the proposal. Steve Hale led the conversation to support or oppose the proposal. Clifford Chiles also provided information regarding the reason for the opposition. The opposition from the Montrose Board of County Commissioners was discussed. Steve Hale asked if the Board was prepared to pass a resolution regarding how the Board was going to proceed. Clifford Chiles abstained from the vote as it is a conflict of interest.

- ❖ Ed Atencio moved to pass a resolution in support of the Montrose County Commissioners opposition for the Dolores River National Monument. Roxi Stewart seconded the motion. One abstention vote, five votes in favor and no opposed. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports

Dams Report: Roxi Stewart reported to the Board that there are rodents below the Shavano Dam in the irrigated fields and that the tenants of the land were going to have a contractor come and exterminate them. She alerted the Board to prepare for extermination on the Dams also.

No other Committee Reports were given.

Employee Comp Time Report

Penny Bishop presented to the Board a summary of the compensation time used and accumulated by the SCD employees in February & March.

Shavano Building Report

Penny Bishop presented the Shavano Building report as prepared in a written report for February & March.

Financials

The financial reports, accounts receivable, and accounts payable from February & March were presented to and reviewed by the Board. Roxi Stewart-Treasurer reviewed all financials and approved the Financials for February & March as submitted.

- ❖ Ed Atencio made a motion to approve the February & March financials as presented. Zak Danielson seconded the motion and it was carried. All in favor and no opposed.

Miscellaneous & Mail

No miscellaneous or mail was presented.

Being no further matters to discuss,

- ❖ Roxi Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Zak Danielson seconded the motion and it was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hale, President

Roxi Stewart, Treasurer