

## **Routt County Conservation District**

Mission Statement: 'to encourage stewardship of our natural resources which will ensure the preservation and sustainability of working landscapes through education, financial and technical assistance'

### **Board Meeting Minutes Monday May 13th, 2013**

**Call to Order:** Dennis Brust called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. Present were Lori Jazwick, Michelle Dickson, Karin Utterback-Normann, Jackie Brown, Morgan Moss, and Natalie Macsalka.

#### **Oath of Office**

Michelle took the oath of office and was sworn in.

#### **Minutes**

Dennis asked the Board to review the minutes of the April Board Meeting. Karin moved to approve the minutes, Michelle seconded.

#### **Financial Report**

**Financial Statements:** Karin moved to approve March and April financials. Michelle seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Checks:**

|                              |                   |   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| CO Dept. of Revenue          | \$174.00          | Payroll   |
| CO State Treasurer           | \$145.91          | Unemployment                                      |
| CSFS (Aug-Nov 2012)          | \$6560.00         | Jackie's Salary paid to CSFS                      |
| Dennis Brust (river trailer) | \$297.96          | River Trailer (invoiced Watershed)                |
| Yampatika                    | \$412.00          | Morgan- April                                     |
| Community Ag Alliance        | \$79.00           | Ag Breakfast                                      |
| Century Link                 | \$69.96           | Internet  |
| EMC Insurance                | \$223.25          | Quarterly General Liability                       |
| Power Financial              | \$360.00          | January invoice, April invoice Doris              |
| Jackie Brown                 | \$90 .00          | Jackie: phone, mileage to Karin & Carpenter Ranch |
| Total Checks                 | <b>\$8,412.08</b> |   |

#### **Grants:**

##### **Received: (Will include dates on future agendas)**

|                             |            |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Direct Assistance           | \$4,459.10 | Dept Agriculture       |
| Dept Ag                     | \$500.00   | Computer Grant         |
| Upper Yampa WCD             | \$5,000.00 | Watershed Plan         |
| City of Steamboat Springs   | \$4,000.00 | Watershed Coordinator  |
| State of Co. Healthy Rivers | \$2,240.00 | State of the WS Report |
| City of Craig               | \$5,000.00 | Armstrong Creek        |
| Tri-State Energy            | \$5,000.00 | Armstrong Creek        |

**Approved Pending Payment:**

|                              |             |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 319 State of Colorado DPHE   | \$59,000.00 | Watershed Plan- contracting stage      |
| Upper Yampa Water CD         | \$15,000.00 | Watershed Plan                         |
| Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund | \$12,760.00 | Watershed Plan- State of the Watershed |
| Yampa White RT/ CWCB         | \$50,000.00 | Armstrong Creek                        |
| Colorado River WCD           | \$5,000.00  | Armstrong Creek                        |

**Applied Pending Notification:**

|                               |              |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| USDA- Conservation Innovation | Undetermined |                    |
| Bureau of Reclamation         | \$50,000.00  | Watershed Planning |
| NFWF Pulling Together         | Undetermined |                    |

**Action Items**

- **Natalie Macsulka:** Presentation on Training Purpose & Certification/Modules. Board will perform one unit per month beginning in July.
- **Budget:** Review (Tabled, will discuss next meeting).
- **Mileage:** Karin: 3 hours, 30 miles, Jackie: ? hours, ? miles, Dennis: 7 hours, 45 miles, Georgia: 5 hours, 40 miles, Chris: 12 hours, 212 miles, Michelle: 6 hours, 40 miles (March/April).
- **Authorization for Alpine Bank:** Information only for Jackie Brown. Karin moved to approve authorization, Michelle seconded.
- **Scholarship Recipients:** Select recipient for the Glenn Werner Memorial Scholarship. Selected was Josie Rossi. Michelle moved to provide scholarship to Josie Rossi, Dennis seconded.
- **Rig to Flip:** Partnership and fiscal sponsor. Board agreed to have Rig to Flip members attend a Board Meeting to learn more about their organization.
- **Succession in Conservation:** Discussion on synergy with mission. Decided a sub-committee would need to be formed to address this. Now is not the right time to delve into this; maybe in the future.

**Information:**

- **Watershed Update:** Discussion of Jean Ray's resignation. Meeting scheduled with Jean for 10am May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Soil Health:** Discussion of soil health initiative and how to move forward. (Tabled, will discuss next meeting).
- **Internet:** Should be able to cancel internet service soon because NRCS will be up and running.
- **Conservation Innovation Grant:** Pre-proposal was accepted.
- **Hay Day Update:** July 10<sup>th</sup>. BBQ, event 8:30-3 @ Carpenter Ranch. Expecting roughly 100 people.
- **DamNation:** YVSC Talking Green event, May 28<sup>th</sup>. RCCD will have a booth there.
- **Letter of Resignation:** A letter of resignation needs to be obtained from Niffy.

**NRCS Report:** Phyllis is gone for summer. There will be sign-ups this month for Conservation Stewardship, and Conservation Reserve programs.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Michelle motioned to adjourn meeting. Karin seconded; meeting adjourned at 6pm.

**Next Board Meeting:**

**Monday, June 12th, 2013 at 4:00pm**