

**Routt County Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Conference Call-In
March 17, 2020 8am**

Attending:

Lyn Halliday
Cam Kuelthau
Tyler Snyder
Nadine Arroyo
Kent Sandstedt
Clinton Whitten (from NRCS/RCCD office, no public showed up)
Alyssa Clarida

Call to Order: 8:14 am - Lyn

Welcome/Introductions: Lyn

- *We are taking COVID19 virus pandemic precautions
- *Future call-in meetings approved, but must still be posted on website in advance and allow public to attend
- *Pursue messages of hope in these trying times

Meeting Business:

- *Approved 2/17/20 RCCD Board meeting minutes; Lyn 1st, Nadine 2nd

Exemption from Audit Application with Dept. of Regulatory Affairs & Resolution

- *Cam prepared the forms and they were circulated via email previously. These are required annually by March 31st.
- *Approved for e-filing; Tyler 1st, Nadine 2nd
- *Board members to sign, original will be on RCCD desk.

Board Member Updates

President's report:

- *Lyn reported on the new website which has been receiving accolades. She and Kaitlin have been posting content updates including Board meeting notices. Lyn has been in WordPress training to enable future updates "in-house". Stand Creative Studio is hosting the website, a check has been cut for year 2020 website hosting and is ready for pickup per Cam.
- *The Annual Report Lyn prepared (draft sent to Board previously) was approved by CSCB resulting in \$500 coming into our account in August.
- *The most recent Bootstrap Report Lyn prepared for the period through March 1, 2020 (sent to Board previously) was also approved by CSCB with \$2,500 coming into our account in April.
- *As the Designated Election Official, Lyn reported that she posted and noticed in the local newspaper a "Call for Nominations" for the May 5th District Board of Supervisor election. Other than Tyler Snyder and Nadine Arroyo, no additional self-nominations were received by the 2/28/20 deadline. Accordingly, Tyler and Nadine were reappointed until 2023 and Lyn noticed this in the local newspaper on 3/8/30 as required by statute and cancelled the 5/5/20 election. Approved: Nadine 1st, Cam 2nd
- *Ag Week events & programing cancelled over CO-VID19 virus.

*Lyn/RCCD has received two information requests this past month: suggestions for planting a living snow fence; and landscape assistance for the new school at Steamboat II. She also mentioned that three people signed up at the Landowner Meeting for the comprehensive soil testing we are offering through the COSS grant.

Bylaws Revision Resolution

*Bylaw revisions were approved by the landowners at the Annual Landowners Meeting in February. Lyn noticed in local newspaper and other required postings. She prepared a resolution (sent out previously) for the Board to formally approve. On a motion by Cam and 2nd by Nadine, the revised Bylaws were adopted effective immediately.

NRCS/RCCD MOU

* This document was received from the CSCB office and sent out previously via email for Board review. Clinton reported that NRCS in Grand Junction will sign. Cam asked about unfunded obligations listed for RCCD in the MOU. Clinton reported that this language is standard to all Districts and is pretty flexible. The Board approved for signing; Nadine 1st, Tyler 2nd

NRCS Update

*Clinton reported that his office as of today will remain open with restrictions due to CO-VID19. He was asked if NRCS could help with a teleconference service. He will check.

CSCB Update

*Alyssa reported on information forthcoming from the CSCB Executive Director regarding how the pandemic is affecting districts. They are hosting a call in at 2:00 daily.

Re-cap of Annual Landowners/ Local Working Group Meeting

*Everyone felt the February 27th meeting was a home run with great attendance, good input, good food, etc. Nadine felt it was laid back and everyone was there to learn. There was good participation among all attendees and a good cross section of the County represented. Tyler felt there could have been more South Routt folks there and that we need to get the word out sooner. Kent felt we made progress in name and brand recognition which will hopefully improve over time. Cam reported receiving \$19 in donations to be put into petty cash.

RCCD Booths

*Nadine has been working on a booth for April Earth Day and August Routt County Fair and handouts to promote RCCD. She is not sure yet if these events will be cancelled due to the virus. She would like to create a new handout to complement the ones we already have (e.g. Annual report) and use the banner. It was suggested that she use some of the slides from the power point presentation we made at the Landowners meeting. Lyn suggested using the River Trailer which is currently housed at the Craig RCCD/NRCS office. She will provide Nadine the contact information.

Funding offer UYWCD

*Cam reported he was approached by the President of the UYWCD at the Landowners meeting regarding the possibility of them providing funds to assist RCCD. The Board brain stormed on future projects that might be worthy. A lengthy discussion on potential Ag equipment purchase/renting out ensued (e.g. no-till drill, aerator, forestry mulcher, rotary hoe). Tyler will get with Todd to see if he has suggestions on this type of lease program. CSCB grant may also be available to match funds. Another suggestion was having a pond management workshop to address items such as duckweed, nutrient

loading, etc. Selling seed might be another program RCCD could get involved in (i.e. buying wholesale, selling at a lower price point).

Announcements/Meetings/Events

*Kent to contact Harrison Topp to see if the Soil Health Listening Session will be rescheduled.

*RCCD April Board meeting date changed from 3rd Tuesday to April 14th at 8:00am. Most likely will be a call in.

Adjourned: 10:09 am - Lyn