

Routt County Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
January 19, 2021 8 am

Attending:

Board Members:

Lyn Halliday
Cam Kuelthau
Nadine Arroyo
Kent Sandstedt
Tyler Snyder

Partners and Public:

Clinton Whitton, NRCS
Baili Foster, NRCS
Todd Hagenbuch, CSU Extension ex-officio
Patrick Stanko, CAA
Tiffany Carlson, Routt County Weed Control
Harvey Goertz, rancher
Billy Mitzelfeld

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am by Lyn and a quorum established.
- The meeting was noticed as required by the Sunshine Law on RCCD's website and sent to the email distribution list which included instructions for the public to join the meeting virtually due to the current pandemic.
- Lyn welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining.

Approval of Minutes

The December 15, 2020 RCCD Board Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Nadine and second by Cam with an addition from Cam to clarify that the scheduled action on the 2021 budget was posted well in advance in multiple locations.

Board Member Reports and Updates

President

Lyn reported as follows:

1. The STAR MOU was signed and submitted after review by Cam.
2. The 2021 budget and required documents were filed with DOLA to meet their deadline.
3. The CCHS Science committee is developing field forms for the STAR program and related scoring for implementation of best management practices. Currently the group is focusing on

small grains and corn, but will be transitioning to irrigated and dryland hay/alfalfa and pasturelands in February.

4. Todd has found a producer to participate in the CAWA edge of field sampling project.

5. Lyn has signed up again for two Steamboat Pilot and Today article spaces sponsored by CAA, one in February to announce the Annual Landowners Meeting.

6. Lyn picked up the mail last week, no check yet from the City grant program.

Treasurer

-Cam reported on the current financials: \$19,009 in bank.

-Cam paid the accountant.

-The CD is coming due in February and Cam asked the Board if we want to close it and transfer the funds into operating since the interest rate is so low. The Board unanimously agreed to do so on a motion from Kent and second from Tyler.

Brochure

Nadine reported on progress she has made regarding the creation of a RCCD handout. She asked the Board to confirm that this was still something they wanted her to pursue and the response was a resounding "yes".

V. Old Business

1. Weed sprayer purchase

Tiffany updated the Board on her discussion with the Weed board relative to the Taylor Grazing Act as a possible funding opportunity. Her Board supported the idea with the caution that the rinse water be handled properly and according to the regulations. Grant applications are due March 15th. Jeremy's work to schedule and maintain the sprayer would be eligible for in-kind match. Lyn had emailed the Board previously with some upcoming workshops on pesticide application, and Tiffany announced she will be holding online training on March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

2. Glen Werner Scholarship was tabled.

VI. Projects, Events, Grants

1. Annual Landowners Meeting in February

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the date, time, content, presenters and format. The date was set for Wednesday, February 24th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Lyn has talked to Alyssa and she agreed to be the Zoom host, and she and Lyn will co-facilitate.

A program outline was developed and possible speakers/presenters were discussed.

VII. NRCS update

-Clinton reported the office is still closed due to COVID.

-He and Todd will be putting on an evening session regarding the snow survey and water report.

-There have been 16 applications for funding this year and there are more projects than local funds, so he may go after additional state funds. Projects include stream restoration, wildlife habitat, urban ag, range improvements. No forestry applicants.

-Todd announced his upcoming cattle and forage growers webinars on Jan 26th and 28th.

-Next RCCD Board Meeting February 16th, 2021 @ 8am.

Adjournment -The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am on a motion by Nadine and second from Kent.