

**Routt County Conservation District**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**  
**February 16, 2021 8 am**

**Attending:**

**Board Members:**

Lyn Halliday  
Cam Kuelthau  
Nadine Arroyo  
Kent Sandstedt  
Tyler Snyder  
Jeremy Kline

**Partners and Public:**

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

**I. Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 8:06 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.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The January 19, 2021 RCCD Board Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Cam and second by Nadine.

**III. Board Member Reports and Updates**

**President**

Lyn reported as follows:

1. Lyn has been attending the CCHS and STAR meetings this month. The STAR pre-pilot kick off meeting was held last week. She will be identifying a producer to participate this spring, with 5 more in the pilot in 2022.
2. The 2020 Annual Report was prepared and filed with DOLA and CSCB. \$500 forthcoming.

3. Lyn prepared an article for the Steamboat Today titled Drought Resiliency and Soil Health, appeared on 2/10/21. It also announced our upcoming Annual Landowners Meeting February 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Treasurer

1. Cam reported on the current financials and the 2020 year-end report.
2. Cam paid the website host invoice.
3. The CD was terminated and transferred to the operating account.
4. The check from the City Support Grant was received and Cam will deposit tomorrow.

The Board discussed the desire to get a donation button up and running on the website. Lyn was authorized to make a final decision of how the funds are received on the website and work with Kaitlin on implementing on a motion from Tyler and second by Kent. Harvey has had good success with Zelle. PayPal is also a consideration and Tyler has experienced that it is relatively easy to do.

#### Scholarship

Jeremy and Nadine reported on the scholarship grant status. They suggested we hold off on awards until next spring 2022 which will allow \$3,000 to be in the account. Hopefully the COVID situation will have improved and schools will be somewhat back to normal. Nadine will try to get to the office to pick up related historic files and review.

#### **IV. Old Business**

1. No till drill – Tyler is holding off on contacting the people with the used drill for sale until we hear more about interest from the upcoming survey and Annual Landowners Meeting.
2. Weed sprayer purchase – Lyn has recruited Shannon Ross to help with the Taylor Grazing Act grant application to purchase the drill. Jeremy has committed to maintenance and scheduling, and his time will be used for in-kind contribution. He also sent Lyn the sprayer specs and cost.

#### **VI. Projects, Events, Grants**

##### 1. Annual Landowners Meeting February 24th

- Lyn had sent out a draft agenda and the group went over the program.
- Advertising to include the Community Ag Alliance newsletter, the Steamboat Today article, Happenings in the Steamboat Today, and broadcast email.
- Alyssa has agreed to be the Zoom host with Lyn as co-host.
- Logistics on how to show Board members and enable and disable screen sharing were discussed.
- The group thought there should be a dry run – Lyn to get dates/times from Alyssa.
- Lyn went over the speakers/panelists she has lined up.
- Kent discussed the Wildfire Council speaker situation and will follow up.

-Attendees went over what they will cover in their presentations.

## 2. Soil Health Initiative

Cam suggested we host some type of follow up session/presentation on our soil health initiative and soil regeneration to improve community education and outreach. One idea is to use the Kiss the Ground movie. Todd thought including something in Ag Week coming up the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> would be a good idea. A discussion ensued regarding which among all the You Tube movies/videos is most appropriate for our region. Everyone agreed that we should all be on the same page (i.e. NRCS, CSU Extension, RCCD).

## **VII. Public Portion**

Lyn opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments.

Next regular RCCD Board Meeting March 16th, 2021 @ 8am.

**Adjournment** -The meeting was adjourned at 9:47am on a motion by Nadine and second from Jeremy.