

Routt County Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting due to COVID
February 7, 2022 8 am

Attending:

Board Members:

Lyn Halliday
Kent Sandstedt
Nadine Arroyo
Cam Kuelthau
Tyler Snyder
Contractor

Kristen Rockford

Partners and Public:

Clinton Whitten, NRCS
Baili Foster, NRCS
Todd Hagenbuch, CSU Extension

I. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am by Lyn and a quorum established.
- The meeting was noticed as required by the Sunshine Law on RCCD's website
- Lyn welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining.

II. Approval of Minutes

The January 18, 2022 RCCD Board Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Cam and second by Nadine.

III. Board Member Reports and Updates

President

- Lyn reported that the check from the City Community Support Grant has been received and deposited.
- Lyn provided an update on STAR.

Treasurer

- Cam reported on the latest financials. He provided the year-end financial statement and summarized the document.
- Cam attended the State Risk Management webinar regarding professional liability insurance (similar to D&O) that they can provide to Conservation Districts. This might save us money on premiums, and they would need to do an analysis of the district to provide a cost to enroll. Cam will pursue.

Kent

- Kent reported on the January CACD policy book update.
- The CAA will hold a strategic planning meeting on 2/17.
- The weed management class dates were provided.
- Brad Udall will be giving a webinar on Feb. 22.

IV. Business

1. Annual Landowners Meeting (March 3, 2022) Update and Planning Discussion

The group discussed the most recent agenda for the upcoming ALM. Kristen and Baili have done a dry run with the computers, OWL, projector and power point at the Community Center to make sure everything will work for the hybrid meeting. Most all of the speakers have been confirmed. Food and logistics were discussed. A brief meeting to discuss final plans is scheduled for 8am Monday 2/28 via Zoom.

2. Exemption from Audit

Cam will prepare the Exemption from Audit paperwork which will need to be signed by all Board members and submitted by March 31st.

V. Projects, Events, Grants

1. Weed sprayer update

Waiting for ship date.

2. Grant updates

Kristen has been working on getting the donate button on the website and related payment accounts. Kristen reviewed her progress on grant research. She went over her recommendations as well as her ideas to go after a planning grant to set up a Drought and Fire Resiliency Plan and related Task Force. The goal would be to identify and promote conservation practices that would reduce vulnerabilities of our constituency (landowners and ag producers) to drought, wildfires, climate change, etc. It would tie in with soil health, riparian stewardship, STAR, IWMP, etc. Board members and NRCS staff generally supported the concept. Kristen was asked to prepare a written proposal with more detail and a cost benefit analysis. Also it was recommended that we not bite off more than we can chew and start small then build the program.

VI. NRCS update

Clinton reported on the cover crop initiative he has been working on. This has been set as a priority by the Biden administration. He also reported on EQIP.

He and CAA have held coffee hours around the County with about 6-8 attendees. It was suggested that in the future they might be tied into the Local Work Group efforts/requirements by RCCD.

Baili reported on two snow survey demos she recently participated in at local high schools.

VII. CSU Extension Update

There will be a livestock and forage grower update at the community center on Feb. 17th. Also, a wolf workshop for landowner and managers only will be held on Feb. 9th.

VIII. Public Forum

No public comments were received.

The next regular RCCD Board Meeting will be March 15, 2022 @ 8am.

Adjournment -The meeting was adjourned at 9:51am on a motion by Kent and second from Cam.