

Routt County Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
March 19th 2024 8:15 am
Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room

Attending:

Board Members:

Lyn Halliday Via Zoom
Kent Sandstedt
Tyler Snyder
Cam Kuelthau
Patrick Stanko
Stephen Evans Via Zoom

Partners and Public:

Todd Hagenbuch

I. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 8:19 am by Tyler Snyder and a quorum established.
- The meeting was noticed as required by the Sunshine Law.
- Tyler welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining.

Approval of the February 20th 2024 minutes

*Kent moved to approve the minutes as written. Michael seconded *Motion Passed

Approval of the January 30th Special Meeting Minutes

*Kent Motioned to approve the minutes as written. Patrick seconded. *Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

Cam informed the Board that everyone had signed the Audit Exemption form and Lyn filed the form with DOLA and it was approved. Cam mentioned that there is \$3750 in the Star program for capacity support.

GLCI Update

Michael informed the Board that Kathryn is good with the agreement she will be at the ALM meeting this evening. Cam asked if Michael could point out a couple of the changes that Kathryn made regarding sharing of the project results to help her consulting firm to inform other producers about the benefits of using Vence. Michael pointed those out in the contract and Cam gave the okay for Tyler to sign and onboard Kathryn. Michael informed the Board that the criteria submission will be closing soon and the committee will decide on participants. Came mentioned that he will go to the bank and form an account for the GLCI grant. Lyn asked about the payment process and training Kathrn on grants.gov or Sam so she an receive funds to pay herself and to purchase equipment. Michael mentioned that Kathryn is well versed on grants.gov and knows how the program works.

Cam mentioned that the Board does not need to authorize the committee to select participants, and that the Committee should bring the recommendations to the full Board for approval to move forward. Cam also mentioned that the participants will need a contract in order to participate and that contract needs to reflect the wording in the GLCI grant particularly around the need to still maintain some number of hard fences and as it relates to animal welfare. Cam asked that the Committee formulate a map of each of the proposed participants and where they are located.

Lyn would like to ensure that there is clear and often communication from the GLCI committee, as well as from Kathryn to the Board that way the Board can give oversight and participate where necessary to ensure the success of the project.

Cam also would like to see a timesheet to know that the funds are being spent correctly and can be tracked for the purpose of reporting to the NRCS.

Annual Landowner's Meeting Recap

Tyler took the Board through a mock resource concern exercise based on information that Nakayla sent to he and Lyn. The Board agreed that they would use sticky notes and poster board to receive feedback from landowners. Kent and Tyler will go get necessary supplies and Kent will pick things up from the office.

NRCS Update

The local NRCS office has a new hire named Erin Gelling and she is the new Range Management Specialist.

Star

Lyn mentioned that we need to facilitate a field day this year to keep in compliance with the STAR program. The CSCB has required that there be a three-year update from participants and Lyn submitted those reports and has received capacity support for doing so. She also received funds for another set of comprehensive soils tests. Lyn would like the Board to think about a field day. Todd mentioned that Rocky Mountain Machinery called him to inquire about a hay day and he thought it might be good to combine the two events and have the District facilitate it with the help of extension. Todd is going to explore the possibility of having the hay day at the Stars Ranch. Tyler mentioned that he will ask the Coberly Creek and Priest Creek Ranches about the possibility of having the hay days on Priest Creek.

Board Member Reports

Patrick mentioned that the State of the River Meetings will be held in Craig and Steamboat on 4/2 and 4/3 respectively.

Kent informed the Board that the Wildfire Mitigation Council will hold a conference on March 29th at CMC

Next meeting April 16th 8:15am MVB

Kent Motioned to Adjourn at 10:13 AM