

Routt County Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 18th 2024 8:15 am
Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room

Attending:

Board Members:

Lyn Halliday
Kent Sandstedt
Tyler Snyder
Michael Moon
Cam Kuelthau
Patrick Stanko

Partners and Public:

Kara Vigeau via Zoom
Kathryn Bidell Via Zoom

I. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 8:25 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.

Ben Bell Presentation Recap

Tyler gave a brief recap of the previous meeting with Ben Bell. Kara informed the Board that she spoke with Clinton about the likelihood of administering the RCPP. The field office will need to play or in the RCPP's work to ensure that there is a narrow focus and that funders are in fact available. She informed the Board that if there are too many practices, it confuses things and that might lead to it being unsuccessful. Lyn asked about capacity and Kara thought that the office could in fact take on more work but maybe not 10 million dollars worth of work. Kara mentioned that RCPP's are generally very successful if they are operated similarly to EQUIP projects. Kara is concerned about the number of TSPs for a project this size.

*Patrick motioned that the Board sponsor a letter of support for the RCPP that is manageable and doable within the NRCS guidelines. The letter needs to address our concerns about the demand for projects. The Board is willing to help administer virtual fencing or other areas given capacity. The letter should also state that we cannot provide matching funds at this time as we are restricted by the GLCI Grant parameters. Steven 2nd **Motion Passed.

Approval of the May 21st 2024 minutes

*Kent moved to approve the minutes. Patrick seconded *Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

There were no bank transactions since the last meeting.

GLCI Update

Kathy gave the Board a play by play on the Vence situation. She mentioned that Vence has not been communicating about the collar status and she is worried about the collar availability. Michael thinks that they will have collars next spring. The Board discussed the possibility of having the stations in place for participants and then being "ready to roll" next spring with the program. The Board discussed reaching out to Gene Backhaus about extending the GLCI grant for another year.

Michael discussed applying for other grant opportunities that could help us grow the program. Kathy mentioned that the USDA and CSCB have program assistance that might help the Board do more

Board Member Reports

Lyn mentioned that Dustin Shiflett has resigned from CSCB. The CAA article about the weed sprayer was a success and well received.

Kent informed the Board about upcoming Weed Board meetings, and the Wildfire Mitigation Council has a chipping program and Josh Hankus is heading up the program

Patrick mentioned that the contractors have been identified for the Nickel Ditch project.

Next meeting July 21st 8:15am MVB

Kent Motioned to Adjourn at 10:54AM