Routt County Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2025, 8:15am Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room

Attending:

Board Members:

Patrick Stanko

Cam Kuelthau

Kent Sandstedt

Lyn Halliday

Stephen Evans

Sharon Clever

Davey Baron

Tom Wyman

Partners & Public:

Todd Hagenbuch

1. Call to Order:

8:37am/Patrick

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Review deferred to April meeting for 12/24, 1/25, 2/25; 3/18-

4. Treasurer's Report:

Cam Kuelthau provided brief summary for \$81,000 on account; no new GLCI revenue collected. Audit Exemption, Resolution, filings due 3/30/25 with RCCD Board members signatures; Lyn Halliday motion for Short Form Resolution compliance, approved. Annual Report filing award \$750 expected from state.

5. Business:

a. Virtual Fence Project Update:

Katherine Bedell absent this meeting; previously reported no new collars yet for Coberly Creek; same for Windler, but new expected by April/May... may be too late however. Vence PO copy requested to help demonstrate GLCI compliance. Faulty collar solutions/replacements still being sought. Cobderly ready to order new collars but needs confirmation NRCS ability to contribute; Lyn Halliday to confirm with NRCS for \$ commitment; Katherine Bedell previously presented \$2250 for payment; Katherine Bedell due \$800 & SC due \$1450. RCCD time for grant research to be billed separately; Cam Kuelthau to forward payment request spreadsheet & related docs. Tyler Snyder contacted to review update with Vence & report. Special meeting may be needed.

b. Annual Landowner's Meeting; Working Group Meeting Follow-up:

Lyn Halldiay to forward copy of flip chart data collected at meeting, for future use/reporting to NRCS, mnts of mtg to be drafted to help with future planning; clarify NRCS role & programs available for landowners/operators.

Suggested next ALOM offer new YV landowners, breakout sessions to review needs & land stewardship resources including a "rural living guide"- post same on RCCD website... more info on what NRCS is all about...

c. Election Update:

Lyn Halliday, Stephen Evans, Kent Sandstedt confirmed self nominations; 4yr renewals posted & filed with DOLA.

d. RCCD Scholarship Status:

\$556.25 on account; Cam Kuelthau to status with Jeremy Kline /family to verify interest to continue sponsorship/contribution or if & should be returned; if continuing, pursue new recipient applications January 2026; May consider partnering with FFA or similar other scholarship program...

e. Three Year Plan Update:

Soil Health, Forestry/Rangeland Health, Wildfire Mitigation, Water Quality, Weed Control remain primary targets-

Strategic plan/priorities update to be considered; discuss engaging a facilitator to help update next 3yr plan, review voids in other local Ag agencies in order to fill where landowners are not served-

f. Toolkit Reprint Status:

\$5/unit cost; \$1500 available to resupply for 2025 use- Lyn to order.

6. Board Member Reports:

Wild Fire/HIZ Workshop 3/11 w/Stakeholder Mtg 4/16, Weed Advisory Board Mtg 3/27, CAA Board Mtg 3/27, UYWC Grants pending-

7. NRCS Report:

Staffing & grant changes underway with latest government announcements for agency downsizing; 25 contracts existing... Wolf depredation fund mgt pending. Shawn Sabo returned to Ft Collins; Erin Gelling reinstated.

8. Adjournment:

10:55am/Patrick Stanko