

Routt County Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

8:15am

Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room

Attending:

Board Members:

Patrick Stanko
Cam Kuelthau
Kent Sandstedt
Tyler Snyder
Davey Baron
Tom Wyman
Sharon Clever

Partners & Public:

Todd Hagenbuch
Amber Pergolis

1. Call to Order:

8:18am/Patrick

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

April

4. Treasurer's Report: Cam

\$78,000 on account

\$556 on account for pending scholarship award

\$84,000 invoiced to date for GLCI expenses; no funds awarded/paid as yet

\$4800 expensed ytd; \$1000 insurance/E&O renewal, general liability, accounting, web hosting

Tom Wyman working with Cam to assume Treasurer's role

5. **Business:**

a. Virtual Fence Project Update:

GLCI/NRCS staffing needs clarification for Kathy Bedell to interact with, after latest governmental reorganization; payment/reimbursements overdue. Kathy Bedell to work with Tom Wyman concerning online signatures for billing. Checks to Kathy Bedell & Sharon Clever for labor, travel, GLCI duties pending- Tyler Snyder working to determine how best to move forward with pending invoices with NRCS by 5/27; if not paid, then program may terminate; \$22,500 due for collar leases, \$2500 due Sharon Clever & Katheryn Bedell.

b. RCCD Scholarship Status:

\$556.25 still on account; Jeremy/family to verify interest to continue sponsorship/contribution; if continuing, decision made to pursue new recipient applications January 2026; will still consider partnering with

FFA /4H or similar other scholarship program...

c. Three Year Plan Update:

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

If Dept of Ag resources are cut, can CAA cooperate/partner with RCCD & other Ag related agencies to pursue Mill Levy campaign, to collectively benefit each Ag related agency?

Amber Pergolis/CAA with staff to pursue & advise-

Does RCCD include municipal areas of Routt County? What may be additional exclusions- Bylaw definitions? Sharon Clever to research & report.

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-

Consider pursuit of Mill Levy- Potential RCCD fall/winter Retreat discussed, to engage Facilitator about updated 3yr plan & related strategies. DOLA due date, 1/1/26.

6. Board Member Reports:

UYWC Water meeting today, Wild Fire/HIZ, Firewise, RCWFMC Chipping programs planned/ WPMC meeting 5/21 cancelled, Weed Day/Steamboat Springs 5/31; Next Weed Advisory Board Mtg 7/25 HDN;

CSU Carcas Mgt Plans due 6/30; Soil Health Grant Programs cancelled.

7. NRCS Report:

Staffing & grant changes underway with latest government announcements for agency downsizing; 25 contracts remain existing... Wolf depredation fund mgt still pending.

8. Adjournment:

10:55am/Patrick