

Routt County Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025 8:15am

Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room

Attending:

Board Members:

Patrick Stanko

Cam Kuelthau

Kent Sandstedt

Tyler Snyder

Stephen Evans

Davey Baron

Tom Wyman

Partners & Public:

Todd Hagenbuch

Kathleen Voight

1. Call to Order:

8:20am/Patrick

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

December, January & February; Stephen 1st, Cam 2nd- approved

4. Treasurer's Report:

Cam provided brief summary for \$81,000 on account; no new GLCI revenue collected. Doris /Accounting, reporting 1st qtr \$1400 expense; insurance for optional equipment at \$3000, due in May; updated signators for RCCD checks/payments needed, to now include Patrick- Cam's succession plan discussed for Tom Wyman.

5. Business:

a. Treasurer Appointment:

Tom Wyman & duties discussed- Cam assisting; Kent 1st, Tyler 2nd- approved.

Thank you, Tom & Cam.

b. Virtual Fence Project Update:

Katherine Bedell absent this meeting; previously reported no new collars yet for Coberly Creek; same for Windler, but new still 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. Coberly ready to order new collars but needs confirmation NRCS ability to contribute; Lyn to confirm with NRCS for \$ commitment; Katherine previously presented \$2250 for payment; KB due \$800 & SC due \$1450. Suggested RCCD pay for collars ordered/rented, \$22500, then seek GLCI reimbursement; time for grant research to be billed separately; RCCD requested Cam to forward payment request spreadsheet & related docs. DOGE impacts on NRCS funding/non-funding under review/90 day window?; Tyler contacted to review & update with Vence, then report. Special meeting may be needed with Tyler, Pat, Cam & Kent, tba.

c. RCCD Scholarship Status:

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

d. **Three Year Plan Update:**

Soil Health, Forestry/Rangeland Health, Wildfire Mitigation, Water Quality, Weed Control remain primary targets- GLCI Field Day agenda proposed sometime in September, Lyn to advise Patrick for next meeting.

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- Davey to check with Little Snake CD, Patrick to check with Moffit County CD & Tyler to check with Eagle County CD about their related Mill Levy success, as potential RCCD model; Potential RCCD fall/winter Retreat discussed, to engage Facilitator about updated 3yr plan & related strategies.

6. **Board Member Reports:**

Wild Fire/HIZ Workshop Mtg 4/16, Weed Days planned 5/31 Steamboat Springs; Weed Advisory Board Mtg 7/24; CAA Sponsored Ranch Tour 5/17; CAA Board Mtg 5/22, UYWC Water Status Mtg 5/12 SOROCO & related 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 resigned after interim reinstatement.

8. **Adjournment:**

10:05am/Patrick