

RCCD Board of Supervisors Meeting
8:15 a.m to 11:00 a.m.
September 16, 2025
Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room, Curve Plaza
Minutes

Attending:

Board Members:

Patrick Stanko

Tom Wyman

Kent Sandstedt

Davey Baron

Sharon Clever

Tyler Snyder

Guests:

Todd Hagenbuch/CSU

Callie Sarvas/CDA Western Slope Div

1. Call to Order:

8:21am/Patrick Stanko

2. Welcome & Introductions-

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

July Approved: Tom Wyman 1st, Sharon Clever 2nd-

August minutes tabled, for October meeting-

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Tom Wyman

Summary - We received proof of payment in the amount of \$22,500 from Coberly to Vence. A reimbursement check in the amount of \$19,125 (maximum allowed by LOU) was cut to Coberly and cashed 10/6.

Details:

1. Operating Account Balance

1. \$89,866.70 - balance as of 10/19

i. A decrease of \$22,442.30 from last month's reported \$112,309.23

2. Revenues

1. Total YTD = \$38,063.72

2. Revenue since September meeting includes

i. \$27.47 - interest paid

ii. \$130 - Weed sprayer rental from Rick Fisher/HAP-E LLC

3. Expenses

1. Total YTD = \$33,264.04

i. Update on expenses pending as of September meeting

1. \$100 - Colorado First Conservation District (dues) - cashed 10/2

2. \$19,125 - virtual fence collar reimbursement to Coberly - cashed 10/6

4. GLCI Grant Account

1. The GLCI Grant account at MVB contains \$1047.06 (as 10/19). It was a separate account created so that stakeholders could be given access to GLCI-related funds but not RCCD's Operating Account. The account has not been used in this way and the majority of the GLCI grant has been managed through the Operating Account. As previously discussed, current funds in the GLCI account will be transferred to the Operating Account.

5. 2026 RCCD Budget

1. A 2026 RCCD budget is required to be submitted to CSCB by 1/31/2026 to remain a "District in good standing". Work on the budget has begun and I may reach out to board members individually for clarification on some 2025 finances.

Business:

a. Virtual Fence Project Update:

Sharon Clever to pick up invoices/receipts re: Coberly Creek & Wendler, & deliver them to Tom Wyman. Base Station location map for south Routt, provided- Windler field visit & billing pending. 9/22/25 update expected.

Field Day initially considered for September, deferred to October meeting 10/21. RCCD to host 30 minute +/- event, post monthly meeting at Mountain Valley Bank conference room; Amish pastry continental breakfast to be planned. Goal remains to promote outreach to local producers. Coberly, Wendler, Fish & Cross, remain interested to attend. Feature Halter & Vence reps, sample collars, base station, introduce upland e-fence model. Invitations to CAA, Cattlemen's, & Cattlemen's contact lists, Ag Journal article promo/Patrick Stanko.

Halter sponsored Field Day event sponsored with Fitch Ranch, to be held 9/30/25.

b. Three Year Plan Update:

Soil Health, Forestry/Rangeland Health, Wildfire Mitigation, Water Quality, Weed Control remain primary targets- Patrick Stanko to update & share new three year plan draft for next meeting; goal remains to approve at/by November meeting, deliver at December, due 1/1/26.

c. Still under review... if Dept of Ag resources are cut, can CAA cooperate/partner with RCCD & other Ag related agencies to still pursue Mill Levy campaign, to collectively benefit each Ag related agency?

Amber Pergolis/CAA with staff to pursue & advise since municipal areas of Routt County are excluded, how or can a Mill Levy campaign still be pursued?

d. Watershed Meeting, 9/17/25 in Craig- CACD lobbying with unified voice for operators, Resolution review & voting planned amongst 74 districts.

e. Supervisor List Submission:

Due 9/1/25; Pat Stanko reviewing with State Board. Davey Baron nominated by Ty Snyder to VP position, to conduct meetings if President/Pat Stanko absent; Sharon 2nd, Davey Baron accepted.

RCCD Board Recruiting still important; consider nominations, pursue candidate interest-

f. Watershed Meeting 9/17/25 in Craig, CO:

NRCS staffing event; Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson, Moffit counties participating. Zoom option?

Discussed who can/cannot vote in Conservation Districts; LLCs, Corporations, Partnerships, Sole Proprietorships, or designated individuals who are appointed to vote on specific entity behalf-

g. Youth Water Festival, 10/1/25; CAA with UYWC & Patrick Stanko, hosting 5th graders at HDN fairgrounds for water/soil health education, 8am-3pm

5. **Board Member Reports:**

Land Stewardship Class 11/6&8; Next Wild Fire Mitigation Chipping program & Ambassador recruiting underway; Next Weed Advisory Board Mtg 10/23/25, 8am Oak Creek; CAA HDN Farm to Table Event, 9/5; next CAA Board Meeting, 9/25 at Wyman Ranch-

6. **NRCS Report:**

Agency partnerships pending; contract renewals pending; Clinton Whitton only staff at present; other staffing & grant changes underway with latest government announcements for agency downsizing; 25 contracts remain existing... Wolf depredation fund mgt still pending.

7. **Adjournment:**

9:50am/Patrick Stanko