

Routt County Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

8:15am

Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room

Attending:

Board Members:

Patrick Stanko

Tom Wyman

Kent Sandstedt

Davey Baron

Sharon Clever

Partners & Public:

Todd Hagenbuch

1. Call to Order:

8:23am/Patrick Stanko

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

April, May, June

4. Treasurer's Report: Tom Wyman

Operating Account Balance

1. \$77,012.30 - balance as of 7/15

## Revenues

1. Total YTD = \$2557.99

i. \$2438.33 is reimbursement from USDA covering GLCI expenses paid to Sharon, and Big Horn Branding (checks 5307, 5308), the other \$100.67 is interest

2. \$18.99 interest payment represents additional revenue since June meeting

## Expenses

1. Total YTD = \$7239.29 (most of which is due to renewal of insurance policies for \$3,096, and payments to Sharon and Big Horn for \$2471; Other expenses: LO Meeting (\$813), accounting (\$450), and website hosting (\$300)

## June 30 Sales Tax Reporting/Payment

1. Doris submitted \$0 sales tax (all sales taxes will be reported in Q4 to save expense of Doris making 4 calculations/year vs 1)

## Request for GLCI Reimbursement Submitted 6/16

1. Kathy submitted request to NRCS for reimbursement of \$22,690 to cover what ranchers will pay directly to Vence for their collar rentals. RCCD needs to see Vence invoices to ranchers and proof of payment before dispersing any funds.

## Insurer Requesting Confirmation of Equipment to be Covered

1. Mountain West Insurance has contacted us on behalf of Hanover asking RCCD to review the list of equipment being insured. Their list includes the Vence Base Stations but does not include RCCD's 200 gallon Ag Equipment sprayer. The model and serial number were supplied to Hanover when we took out the equipment policy. I've asked Hanover to update the list to include the sprayer.

## 5. Business:

- a. Virtual Fence Project Update:

Per Sharon Clever, Vence not yet working properly at Coberly; GPS ok, but e-fence not. Next field check pending til first week in August. Motion passed (1<sup>st</sup> Kent Sandstedt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Clever) after proof of payment by Coberly Creek, RCCD will reimburse Coberly Creek & Wendler Ranch while waiting for NRCS payment. Tom Wyman to confirm terms with NRCS contract with RCCD, Vence invoice copy needed. Kathleen Bedell submitted invoice to NRCS for \$22,500 for reimbursement. Field Day event planning likely for early September; Patrick Stanko to confirm with Tyler Snyder. Sharon to also potential committee report draft for NRCS/GLCI next steps. .

b. RCCD Scholarship Status:

\$556.25 still on account; Jeremy/family verified interest to continue sponsorship/contribution; decision made to pursue new recipient applications January 2026; partnering with

FFA /4H split between HDN & SOROCO programs; Kent Sandstedt to reach out to Eric Wellman/HDN, Jay Whaley/SOROCO & Todd Hagenbuch/4-H for equal disbursements & confirm. Approval confirmed- Kent Sandstedt 1<sup>st</sup>, Tom Wyman 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kent Sandstedt pursuing Jay Whaley & Eric Wellman; Patrick Stanko pursuing Todd Hagenbuch-

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:**

Land Stewardship Class Plans pending for later this fall; Wild Fire/HIZ, Firewise, RCWFMC Chipping programs announced; Next Weed Advisory Board Mtg 7/25 HDN; Soil Health Grant Programs cancelled; next CAA Bd mtg announced 7/17, Weed Advisory Bd Mtg HDN 7/24, Water projects/monitoring automation grants pending on Bear River & Nickle Ditch- CSU/RC Fair Agenda pending; Drought Mgt Planning under review-

**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:**

10:07am/Patrick Stanko