

Routt County Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2025

8:15am

Mountain Valley Bank Meeting Room

Attending:

Board Members:

Patrick Stanko

Tom Wyman

Tyler Snyder

Kent Sandstedt

Davey Baron

Sharon Clever

Kathleen Voight

Guests:

Todd Hagenbuch/CSU

1. **Call to Order:**

8:28am/Patrick Stanko

2. **Welcome & Introductions-**

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

November meeting minutes amended with Treasurer's report & Sharon Clever's 3yr Plan Mtg minutes-

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

Summary - Have responded to two public records requests since our last meeting.

Patrick posted a legal notice in the Pilot announcing our draft budget.

The [2026 draft budget](#) must be approved at today's (12/16/25) meeting.

Details:

Operating Account Balance

\$90,541.28 - balance as of 12/13/2025

A decrease of \$169.06 from last month's reported \$90,710.34

Revenues

Total YTD = \$39,490.54

Revenue since November meeting includes

\$19.18 - interest paid

Expenses

Total YTD = \$33,506.84

Expenses since November meeting include

\$14.90 - USPS charge to ship public records data to requestor

\$173.34 - annual Zoom subscription

Public Records Requests

We fulfilled a request from [The Data Branch](#), a for-profit organization that "partners with diverse organizations to deliver actionable insights into trends affecting state and local government and public education".

We fulfilled a request from [The Compliance Assessment Tool](#), a for-profit company that sells compliance software.

2026D Budget

A 2026 RCCD budget is required to be submitted to CSCB by 1/31/2026 to remain a “District in good standing”. We will review, modify (if necessary), and approve the [draft budget](#) in today’s (12/16/25) meeting.

Budget approved; Kent Sandstedt 1st, Davey Baron 2nd.

5. Business:

a. Virtual Fence Project Update: Sharon Clever

One year extension filed for GLCI Grant, good through 9/26, to fund additional collars. Additional interested parties include Knotts, Yampa Valley Ranch, Mark Logan, Rossi’s. Review of Halter & Vence Programs continues-

b. Three Year Plan Update: Patrick Stanko

Soil Health, Forestry/Rangeland Health, Wildfire Mitigation, Water Quality, Weed Control remain primary targets; Approved, Tom Wyman 1st; Kent Sandstedt 2nd

d. RCCD Operations & Planning:

RCCD Board Recruiting still important; consider nominations, pursue candidate interest & NACD TA grant opportunities with NRCS to support potential new/additional technical staffing & District Mgr goals.

Mindy Figerora working with CAA & CAA proposes certain staff-partnering with RCCD. Caili Savvas to assist Patrick Stanko with future Grant Application, two-year funding program.

2026 RCCD meetings scheduled to continue on 3rd Tuesday, 8:15am, each month, Mountain Valley Bank Conference Room; Kent Sandstedt 1st; Kathleen Voight 2nd.

6. CSU & Board Member Reports:

Next Weed Advisory Board Mtg 12/4 in Steamboat Springs Community Room; CWCB measuring device grant \$ still available through 1/31/26. Weed Sprayer winterized, stored for winter at Joe Duksa's. WFMC Ambassador Program recruiting underway; Farm Bureau recruiting underway; UYWCD with pending 5yr grant funding, evaluating high meadow soil health above Stagecoach.

7. **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.

8. **Adjournment:**

10:15am/Patrick Stanko