

Routt County Conservation District

January 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Board Members:

Patrick Stanko

Tom Wyman

Tyler Snyder

Kent Sandstedt

Davey Baron

Sharon Clever

Kathleen Voight

Guests:

Todd Hagenbuch/CSU

Mindy Figueroa/Land Stewardship Advisor & UYWCD Liason

1. **Call to Order:**

8:20am/Patrick Stanko

2. **Welcome & Introductions-**

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

November & December meeting minutes approved; Tom Wyman 1st; Davey Baron, 2nd

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

RCCD Treasurer's Report - December 16, 2025

1099s pending for Sharon Clever & Katheryn Bedell

Review to self audit, pending- audit exemption notice due by 3/31/26-

Annual Report due 2/15/26-

Operating Account Balance

1. \$90,541.28 - balance as of 12/13/2025
 1. A decrease of \$169.06 from last month's reported \$90,710.34

Revenues

1. Total YTD = \$39,490.54
2. Revenue since November meeting includes

\$19.18 - interest paid

Expenses

1. Total YTD = \$33,506.84

Expenses since November meeting include

1. \$14.90 - USPS charge to ship public records data to requestor
2. \$173.34 - annual Zoom subscription

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".

5. **Business:**

a. Virtual Fence Project Update: Sharon Clever; Tyler Snyder

\$102,000 remains available in grant fund. One year extension filed for GLCI Grant, good through 9/26, to fund additional collars @ \$40 ea; Vence collar order due 3/1/26.
Coverage Map draft, pending-

Additional interested parties still 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-

4. RCCD Operations & Planning:

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

Caili Savvas to assist Patrick Stanko with future Grant Application, two-year funding program.

CAA newspaper articles (500+/- words) due 1/26 (Patrick re: Ag gatherings), 5/25 (Davey re: Soil Health & Planned Field Day), 9/7 (Kathleen re: TBA)-

Hay/Soil Health Field Day event under consideration with potential collaborating with Farm Bureau &/or Hay programming-

6. **CSU & Board Member Reports:**

Ag week events planned 3/18-3/24, locations to be confirmed for South, North & West Routt County venues- related RCCD working group programming pending. Weed Advisory Board seeking new Director- Weed Sprayer winterized, stored for winter at Joe Duksa's. WFMC Ambassador Program recruiting still underway; Farm Bureau Board recruiting underway; UYWCD with pending 5yr grant funding,

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:**

9:50am/Patrick Stanko