

**Routt County Conservation District**

**February 17, 2026**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:**

**Board Members:**

Patrick Stanko

Tom Wyman

Tyler Snyder

Kent Sandstedt

Davey Baron

Sharon Clever

Kathleen Voight

**Guests:**

Maureen Gutsch/NRCS

Mindy Figueroa/Land Stewardship Advisor & UYWCD Liason

1. **Call to Order:**

8:20am/Patrick Stanko

2. **Welcome & Introductions-**

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

January meeting minutes approval deferred to March meeting-

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

Summary - The main financial activity since the last meeting has been preparing for tax season (#4), resolving the Amazon ETF charge (#5), and readying the audit exemption form (#6).

Details:

Operating Account Balance

1. \$90,112.68 - balance as of 2/16/2026
  1. A decrease of \$388.58 from last month's reported \$90,501.26

Revenues

1. Total YTD = \$16.11
2. Revenue since December meeting includes
  1. \$16.11 - interest paid

Expenses

1. Total YTD = \$404.69
  - i. Expenses since January meeting include
    1. \$4.69 Sales Tax Payment to CO Dept of Revenue
    2. \$300 Stand Creative - web hosting fee
    3. \$100 Power Financial

4. 1099s

1. We do not need to issue 1099Gs to Coberly or Windler. Our payments to them were reimbursements for collars and reimbursements aren't taxable.
2. We do not need to issue 1099s to Big Horn Branding

The travel reimbursement is not subject to 1099 reporting

The Time portion was under the \$600 threshold

3. Sharon provided W-9 info and should have been issued a 1099 for her time.

5. \$27.65 Amazon EFT - mystery solved (mostly)

1. This October purchase was made by a card that had been issued to Lyn. Lyn destroyed the card but MVB didn't deactivate it.

2. The card has now been deactivated
3. We have disputed the charge.
4. At this time three RCCD debit cards are active. They are assigned to Patrick, Tyler, Tom.

6. Audit Exemption Form

1. The audit exemption form is due on March 31st. Conservation Districts with revenues or expenditures under \$200,000 can use this short form. Doris and I are working on it now.

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 up to 300 additional collars @ \$40-\$45 ea, as approved; Kent Sandstedt 1<sup>st</sup>, Tom Wyman 2<sup>nd</sup>; Tyler Snyder recused.

Vence collar order due 3/1/26. Coverage Map draft, shared-

Grant funding ledger transferred to Administrative Budget. Additional interested parties still include Yampa Valley Ranch; application to be completed by Chase Hall- due 3/1/26.

- b. Three Year Plan Update: Patrick Stanko

Soil Health, Forestry/Rangeland Health, Wildfire Mitigation, Water Quality, Weed Control remain primary targets-

3. RCCD Operations & Planning-

Working Group Meetings:

5pm 3/18 HDN Grainery; 5pm 3/19 SORRICO; 8am 3/23 Tavern @ The Glen, in association with CAA Ag Week to feature 2025 Annual Report, Soil Health, Weed Sprayer Rental, GLCI Update, NRCS Working Groups Survey to be drafted by Ty Snyder-

Hay, Soil Health Field Day targeted; Davey Baron hosting Regenerative Grazing Workshop, late June; \$3000 budget approved, Kent Sandstedt 1<sup>st</sup>, Tom Wyman 2<sup>nd</sup>

RCCD Board Recruiting still important; consider nominations(Kyle Monger, Alex Kislia, Jocko Camilletti), 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) 5/25 (Davey re: Soil Health & Planned Field Day), 9/7 (Kathleen re: TBA)-

Possible additional Hay/Soil Health Field Day event under consideration potentially collaborating with Farm Bureau &/or other Hay related programming-

Exemption from Audit Report due 3/31/26; filing being coordinated by Tom Wyman & Patrick Stanko

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

Rural Life Survey Results pending; State of the River Presentation meets 3/9/26 at Olympian Hall; Ag Water Rendezvous 3/27/26; CPW Workshop 2/28; 3/12 Forage growers workshop; Ag week events planned 3/18-3/24, locations confirmed for South, North & West Routt County venues- related RCCD working group programming to coincide. Weed Advisory Board seeking new Director- Winter Weed Class starts 3/4 & meets following 3 Wednesdays; TGA fund applications due 3/22; WFMC Ambassador Program recruiting still underway; Farm Bureau Board recruiting underway; UYWCD with pending 5yr grant funding,

7. **NRCS Report:**

Agency partnerships pending; 19 contract renewals pending; Clinton Whitton & Maureen Gutsch only staff at present; other staffing & grant changes underway with latest government announcements for agency downsizing; 2027 contract applications available. RCCD/NRCS MOU Update to be signed.

8. **Adjournment:**

9:40am/Patrick Stanko