**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**July 12, 2022**

A meeting of the Yuma County Conservation District was called to order by President Margaret Lenz at 5:55pm at the NRCS conference room in Wray.

Those attending included: Margaret Lenz, Ron Richards, Dustin Wise, Chester Zwirn, Jeff Wingfield, Travis Taylor and Tanya Fell.

Updates were made by each board member to the mileage calendar.

Ron moved to approve the June 14, 2022, meeting minutes, Dustin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tanya Fell presented the financials. Dustin moved to accept the financial report and pay the July bills, Chester seconded the motion. Motion passed. The current bills paid:

* District Manager Paycheck
* Visa
* Grass, Trees & Irrigation Supplies
* Macy Richards Scholarship

Tanya was able to get the new QuickBooks software installed and our existing data updated and installed on the district computer. With the new update a profit and loss statement was printed and several errors need to be corrected. Tanya will have Premier Accounting help get everything adjusted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chester and Margaret gave a storage building cleaning update. Many items were purged and donated. A motion was made by Ron to purchase a shop vacuum to help clen the shed. Dustin seconded the motion. Motion carried. In addition, the trees and vegetation was removed from the main entrance to the office building and new dripline, plants and mulch were added.

Travis gave an update on the Demonstration Matching Grant progress. The steering team visited the different vegetation areas in the reservoir area. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be sending maps to show prospective areas for the grazing project. It was discussed to work on getting a second meeting set for the steering team so that we can start planning to determine the cooperator. The CSU Range School dates are September 20 and 21 and they will be touring the dam area. Tanya will contact steering team members to see if September 22 or the 27 would work as a meeting date.

A draft of the 2023 matching grant for the CSCB was distributed to board members and approval was given for submission. Jeff made a motion to submit the grant, seconded by Dustin. Motion carried.

The board discussed project programming ideas for the long-range plan. Please refer to the attached plan.

The YCCD has two kids that are attending Camp Rocky Conservation Camp. Lydia Mekelburg was the recipient of the 2021 4-H Natural Resource Project Scholarship at the Yuma County Fair. Ashlyn Carpenter from Wray is also attending. A motion was made by Jeff for the YCCD to pay the additional $250 of Ashlyn to attend, seconded by Dustin. The motion carried. A motion was also made for YCCD to continue to do a scholarship for the 2022 4-H Natural Resource project winner by Chester and seconded by Dustin. Motion carried.

A committee was created to write a resolution to support Camp Rocky. The committee members are Dustin and Travis. Once the committee has a resolution draft it will be shared with the board.

Tanya gave a report on a NRCS Tech position. Currently funding is short. The YCCD has been put on a waitlist to see if additional funding will be made available.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pheasants Forever received a grant for Rejuvra; however, at this time all the staff that were responsible for the grant are no longer employees. Tanya is to help try and track down who is involved with the grant administration and what the next steps are for the grant.

The Colorado STAR program is having an event on August 13, 2022 in Monte Vista, CO.

A motion was made by Dustin to dispense with an executive session. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dustin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next YCCD meeting will be held August 9th at 5:30pm at the NRCS conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Fell

District Manager

Yuma County Conservation District