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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2022

A meeting of the Yuma County Conservation District was called to order by President Margaret Lenz at 10:10am at the Wray Town Hall meeting room.

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

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

Ron moved to approve the December 7, 2021, meeting minutes, Dustin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- District Manager Paycheck
- Visa
- Matching Grants
- Scholarships

Tanya Fell is to pay the board members for their 2021 mileage. The mileage rate is \$0.56 per mile. Chester moved to pay the mileage, Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kyle Hendrix made a payment on December 16th for his tree balance. He was asked to make monthly payments by the 15th of each month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Calls were made to all the participants in the Matching Grant program. Jory Drager is waiting on a final bill for his well drilling. Gene Kramer is waiting on copies of checks to show payment. Those with completed projects: Anderson Trust, Charlie Briggs, Wes Kiser, Brad Wingfield, Mike O'Donnell, Jory Drager and Gene Kramer. John Hardwick and Leroy Deterding will complete their projects in 2022. Tanya Fell is working to complete the Final Report for the matching grant.

Farming Evolution is set for February 16 and 17th. The YCCD is working on event insurance and doing the sponsor slideshow for the event.

Margaret reported that the watershed meeting will be held in March.

The \$15,000 drought mitigation funding will be used for a matching grant project specifically for shelterbelt windbreak trees that have been planted within the last five years. This also included EQIP projects that did not include dripline.

YCCD will fund supplies and labor up to 50% with a \$500 maximum. The applications will be due the end of March. With work being able to begin the end of April. The application and completion project will be the same as the state matching grant program. Producers are to submit a budget and maps with the initial application. For completion all paid invoices and photos will need to be submitted before reimbursement payments are sent. Ron made a motion to approve the matching grant project, Chester seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jake Prather from NRCS gave a program update. Due to increased Covid numbers it is looking like staff will be teleworking from home soon. Currently the office is at 50% staffing.

The Cover Crop Initiative has to be in this year's carbon initiative.

Tanya Fell was appointed the Designated Election Official for the 2022 Yuma County Conservation District Supervisor Elections. A motion to appoint was made by Dustin and seconded by Ron. Motion passed.

Tanya is to find out who is up for election, prepare the self-nomination forms and submit a news article in the local newspaper.

An executive session was held with no action taken.

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

The next YCCD meeting will be held February 8th at 10:00 am at Wray City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Fell
District Manager
Yuma County Conservation District