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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES December 12, 2023

Supervisors Present: Margaret Lenz (zoom), Ron Richards, Sonya Shaw (phone), Jeff Wingfield, and Chester Zwirn
Supervisors Absent: none
Ex officio Members: none
Staff Present: Bob Rogers, and Tanya Fell

Vice President Richards declared a quorum present and convened the meeting of the Yuma County Conservation District at 10:14 a.m. at the Wray NRCS Conference Room.

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

Supervisor Zwirn moved to approve the November 28, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded Supervisor Wingfield and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Shaw moved to approve the November 28, 2023, budget hearing minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

District Manager Fell presented the monthly financials. Supervisor Lenz moved to accept the financial report and pay December bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shaw and carried unanimously. The current bills paid:

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| <input type="radio"/> Staff payroll | <input type="radio"/> Wray Gazette |
| <input type="radio"/> Rogers & Fell - Mileage | <input type="radio"/> Aero Applicators |

Certificate of Deposit #104578 held at First Pioneer National Bank matures December 23, 2023. Supervisors reviewed the rates given by both Wray State Bank and First Pioneer Bank. It was determined to leave the CD at First Pioneer Bank and extend the period from 6-month to 12-month period. Supervisor Zwirn made a motion to maintain the CD at First Pioneer Bank and extend the period from 6 to 12 months. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Lenz and carried unanimously with Supervisor Wingfield abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

District Manager Fell gave updates on the following grants:

- RCPP – Rejuvra: thru NRCS – requesting \$2,000,000 to be used on the habitat for the greater and lesser prairie chicken and providing for cheat grass control. District Manager Fell had a conference call with NRCS and also a discussion with Clint Evans with NRCS regarding the funding of this project. There is a strong possibility that this project will be funded in 2024.

- 50/50 Matching Grant: to be used for pipeline, new tanks, storage tanks, livestock tank monitoring. Hardwick's have completed their project and are waiting on invoices, Wingfield's are working on getting their materials and will have installed.
- Bonny Demonstration Grant: Grazing in area 2 is scheduled for completion by the end of November. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and YCCD teams met at Bonny Reservoir on November 30th to review the results from the grazing program. YCCD received approval to do a Phase 2 project in 2024. Grazing can be held in February/March, Summer (avoiding cattails) and in the October/November windows. District Manager Fell is to work on the demonstration grant proposal for Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD).
- RESTORE Colorado: Application was submitted in November for a grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 plus administrative costs for cheat grass control for the entirety of Yuma County.

District Conservation Technician Rogers and District Manager Fell gave reports from their participation at the recent CACD Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA). Currently YCCD does not pay unemployment taxes for the employees under the reimbursement method. By changing to the taxing option and paying unemployment taxes it would eliminate the YCCD being liable for paying out of pocket expenses after approximately three years. Supervisor Lenz made a motion to transition to the taxing option for unemployment taxes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wingfield and carried unanimously.

District Conservation Technician Rogers requested to assist with the Foodbank of the Rockies and use the NRCS office as the distribution point. DCT Rogers is to check with the building landlord to see if it is okay to use the building as a distribution point. This will take approximately 2 hours a month. Supervisor Lenz made a motion to allow the distribution if it is approved by the building landlord. Supervisor Wingfield seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lenz to open an executive session regarding personnel matters, pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wingfield and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zwirn to close the executive session and resume business meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Lenz and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lenz to approve the item of discussion. Supervisor Zwirn seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

The next YCCD meeting has been scheduled for January 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the NRCS conference room in Wray.

Supervisor Zwirn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Wingfield seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Tanya Fell, District Manager

Jeff Wingfield, Secretary/Treasurer

Date

4/9/24



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2024 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES December 12, 2023

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Supervisors Absent: Sonya Shaw
Ex officio Members: none
Staff Present: Bob Rogers and Tanya Fell

Vice President Richards declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

District Manager Fell gave an overview of the proposed 2024 Budget and all Mill Levy documentation. Supervisor Lenz moved to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wingfield and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wingfield to approve the Resolution to Adopt. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the Mill Levy was made by Supervisor Zwirn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wingfield and carried unanimously.

Vice President Richards adjourned the hearing at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Tanya Fell, District Manager

Meeting Minutes approved

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Jeff Wingfield, Secretary/Treasurer

A handwritten date "2/20/24" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date