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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES September 19, 2023

Supervisors Present: Ron Richards, Jeff Wingfield, Sonya Shaw, and Chester Zwirn  
Supervisors Absent: Margaret Lenz  
Ex officio Members: none  
Staff Present: Shirley Deason, Office Assistant and Tanya Fell, District Manager

Vice-President Richards declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 5:54 pm at the Wray NRCS Conference Room.

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

The following correction was made to the August 15, 2023, meeting minutes:

**Original:** Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to invest \$100,000.00 in an interest-bearing account at Wray State Bank paying a variable rate of "*treasury*" less .5%, currently at 4.75%.

**As Corrected:** Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to invest \$100,000.00 in an interest-bearing account at Wray State Bank paying a variable rate of "*fed funds*" less .5%, currently at 4.75%.

After corrections to the meeting minutes Supervisor Shaw moved to approve the August 15, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

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

- Wish
- Tanya Fell - Mileage
- Basically Business
- Linda Evans – 50/50 Grant
- Peggy Weaver – Drip Grant
- Dana Wudtke - Drip Matching Grant
- Andrew Weaver – Drip Matching Grant
- Blake Roth – Drip

A motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to transfer Certificate of Deposit #40654 maturing September 24, 2023, from First Pioneer National Bank to Wray State Bank for a term of one year with an annual percentage yield of 5.20%. In addition, for Certificate of Deposit #40704 maturing October 1, 2023, at First Pioneer National Bank, we are to request that First Pioneer National Bank match the 6-month annual percentage yield of 5.20% quoted from Wray State Bank. If First Pioneer National Bank does not match the rate, Supervisor Shaw moved to transfer the certificate of deposit to Wray State Bank for a term of 6 months with an annual percentage yield of 5.20%. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously with Supervisor Wingfield abstaining. Per an email from Supervisor Wingfield dated September 20, 2023, the current yields at Wray State Bank on certificates of

deposit for the 6-month and 12-month terms have been raised to 5.45% and may be adjusted even higher should the Fed raise rates on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wingfield to remove Dana Barth as an authorized agent from the District's credit card and add Tanya Fell, District Manager and Shirley Deason, Office Assistant as authorized agents. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

#### **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. It will provide cheat grass control. Application has been submitted and we are waiting for information as to whether the grant has been approved.
- 50/50 Matching Grant: to be used for pipeline, new tanks, storage tanks, livestock tank monitoring. One grant has been paid out.
- Bonny Demonstration Grant: Mowing has been done and barbed wire fence put in place. Grazing can begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to approve drone photos for a cost of \$450.00 to be taken before, during and after to show the results of the Bonny Demonstration Grant. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

- RESTORE Colorado: Applications are now open, and we will apply for a grant for cheat grass control. The board also discussed other options for grant applications.

Office Assistant Deason notified the board that City Manager James Depue was unavailable for the September meeting. He has been tentatively scheduled for the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The insurance quote from the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool was discussed. We are to obtain additional information from Gretchen with the Mancos Conservation District about where they purchased their insurance coverage and their coverage for potential dam liability.

The update to the Bylaws was tabled until a later meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the potential government shut down. If there is a shut down, district technicians would not be paid. A motion was made by Supervisor Wingfield to pay District Technician Bob Rogers his normal salary during the months of October/November with a 30-day notice to be provided to District Technician Bob Rogers if the government shutdown exceeds this time frame and the board decides to no longer fund his salary. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shaw and carried unanimously.

District Manager Tanya Fell discussed attending the CACD meeting in December. Directors are invited to attend.

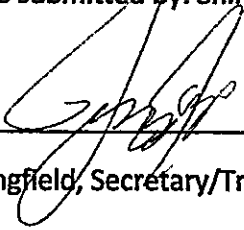
A motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to make a memorial contribution of \$100.00 on behalf of Jessi Lenz. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zwirn to dispense with an executive session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shaw and carried unanimously.

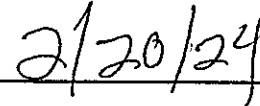
Vice-President Richards adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The next YCCD meeting will be held October 10th at 4:00 p.m. at the NRCS conference room in Wray, provided that city manager Depue is available for the dam tours. Otherwise, the meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. In case of a government shutdown, the alternate meeting site will be at either Wray State Bank or the Roundhouse.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Deason, Office Assistant



Jeff Wingfield, Secretary/Treasurer



Date