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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2023

Supervisors Present: Margaret Lenz, Ron Richards and Dustin Wise

Supervisors Absent: Chester Zwirn and Jeff Wingfield

Ex official Members: None

Staff Present: Tanya Fell

President Lenz declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 10:36am at the NRCS offices in Wray, CO.

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

Supervisor Wise moved to approve the January 10, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded Supervisor Richards and carried unanimously.

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

- District Manager Paycheck
- Visa
- Wray Gazette
- College Scholarships – Dodsworth

OLD BUSINESS:

The YCCD Annual Meeting has been set for March 1st at the Wray Roundhouse beginning at 6:00pm. A motion was made to order pollinator seed packets as attendee gifts for the meeting by Supervisor Wise. The motion was seconded Supervisor Richards and carried unanimously. Supervisors are to be to the Roundhouse in Wray for setup beginning at 4:00pm.

Supervisor Wise spoke to Josh Melby of Colorado Parks and Wildlife regarding their tree planting equipment. CPW stated that we are welcome to use their equipment if needed and are going to share the design to take to a fabricator to have one built.

District Manager Fell is assisting with Farming Evolution. The YCCD has provided cancellation insurance for this event in the past. The cost of the insurance was about \$550. This year the insurance is \$750. Supervisor Wise approved to pay the \$750 for accident insurance. The motion was seconded Supervisor Richards and carried unanimously.

The YCCD offered to share their cell phone plan with the Washington County Conservation District so that the District Manager could have a cell phone to use for business outside of the office. The District Manager is only

in the office four hours a week. Supervisor Richards moved to do a one-year trial with Washington County for sharing the cell phone plan. The motion was seconded Supervisor Wise and carried unanimously. The discussion will be continued at the watershed meeting in March where it will be presented to host a cell phone plan for multiple districts through the actual watershed.

District Manger Fell was selected to be the Southwest Regional Director for the National Conservation District Employees Association. DM Fell is to determine how funding for travel and other expenses for this position are handled.

There has been no update from the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts on the Bonny Grazing Project proposal amendment to adjust the grazing window due to snow and standing water. DM Fell is to reach out to Jim Cecil to discuss the progress.

Elections for supervisors are ongoing. Currently Supervisor Wise has submitted his self-nomination form. DM Fell is to reach out to Supervisor Wingfield and Supervisor Zwirn regarding their self-nomination forms. The deadline for self-nomination forms is February 24th and the outside nomination deadline is February 27th.

NEW BUSINESS:

The YCCD need to replace/put new district signs up for entering and exiting the district. DM Fell is to get pricing for 7 signs. Supervisor Wise will measure a sign that is outside of Joes for a better idea of sizing. It is estimated that the signs are 4x6". In getting the estimate the signs should be made of metal.

The STAR Plus application was sent out and is due April 3rd. DM Fell is to work on completing the application for review by the YCCD Supervisors.

Supervisors reviewed the Workgroup Survey that was distributed last year. Adjustments were made and DM Fell will have completed for distribution at the Annual Meeting.

The upcoming Republican Watershed meeting is set for March 28th in Flagler. John Miller will be discussing the STAR Plus program. Elections will also be held.

It was approved for DM Fell to post the job announcement for a part-time employee to assist the YCCD. The position would be 20 hours per week.

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

President Lenz adjourned the meeting at 12:31pm.

The next YCCD meeting will be held March 14th at 10:00am at the NRCS conference room in Wray.

Minutes submitted by: Tanya Fell, District Manager

Dustin Wise, Secretary/Treasurer

Date