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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### March 14, 2023

Supervisors Present: Margaret Lenz, Ron Richards and Chester Zwirn

Supervisors Absent: Dustin Wise and Jeff Wingfield

Ex official Members: None

Staff Present: Tanya Fell

President Lenz declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 10:08am at the NRCS offices in Wray, CO.

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

Supervisor Richards moved to approve the February 9, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously.

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

- District Manager Paycheck
- Wray Print Shop
- Wray Market
- Premier Accounting
- Republican River Watershed

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

As of the meeting date there were 51 producers registered for the Pesticide Applicator Training. Kay Rosch will prepare cinnamon rolls and the Laird Ladies are handling lunch for the event. Supervisor Richards and Supervisor Wise will be taking the training and will handle registration and setup. Supervisor Zwirn will also be able to help with setup in the morning.

The Election of Supervisors has been cancelled. Supervisors Wingfield, Wise and Zwirn all submitted Self-nomination and Acceptance forms and will be retained as Supervisors. All necessary forms have been submitted to the Department of Local Affairs website.

Premier Accounting is currently preparing the Exemption from Audit paperwork. This will need to be signed by at least three supervisors prior to being submitted.

District Manager Fell will be posting the part-time Office Assistant position in the Yuma and Wray newspapers as well as posting on the YCCD website and Facebook pages. Applications will be due by April 10<sup>th</sup> so they can be reviewed at the April Supervisor's meeting.

Currently the YCCD tree sales are at \$27,000. DM Fell will contact the Wray FFA instructor Ms. Halverson to ask for assistance with unloading the semi when trees are delivered. Currently, it is anticipated that tree pickup will be held on April 21 and 22.

The STAR Plus application is due on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. DM Fell has been working on the application and the supervisors reviewed the application and made recommendations to complete it.

Revisions were made to the Local Area Workgroup Survey from 2022. This survey will be distributed at the Pesticide Applicator Training.

The Entering XXX County Conservation District highway signs are going to be double sided. It will be presented at the upcoming watershed meeting to see if area conservation districts would be interested in sharing the expense for updated signs.

The Republican River Watershed meeting will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Flagler. It is important to ensure that a quorum will be present. There needs to be at least FIVE conservation districts represented by supervisors.

Supervisor Lenz gave a National Association of Conservation Districts report.

Supervisor Richards gave a Farming Evolution report. It was discussed that the YCCD supervisors should coordinate a meeting with the Haxtun Conservation District to evaluate and determine the future of Farming Evolution. Most of the staff that have handled this event will be leaving, Julie Elliott has already retired, and Joe Crowder will be retiring in June.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Raymond Peters memorial Conservation Scholarship has been sent to school counselors, FFA advisors and science teachers. The application is also available on the YCCD website and has been posted on the Facebook page. In addition, it was published in the Wray Gazette.

Chester Zwirn and his family would like to do a scholarship in their name through the YCCD. They are currently working to determine the specifics with their financial planner.

Yuma County Ag Week is being held the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>. The commissioner's office had presented the YCCD with several options for support. A motion was made by Supervisor Richards to do a \$250 sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zwirn and carried unanimously. In addition, a banner will be made to promote YCCD and will be hung at the Yuma County Fair Grounds for the Meat In Day.

The Colorado State Conservation Board will have their June meeting in our area. They will stay in Burlington and will travel to Bonny Reservoir to see the Demonstration Grazing Area.

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

President Lenz adjourned the meeting at 12:47pm.

The next YCCD meeting will be held April 11th at 5:30pm at the NRCS conference room in Wray.

Minutes submitted by: Tanya Fell, District Manager

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Dustin Wise, Secretary/Treasurer

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