Spanish Peaks-Purgatoire River
Conservation District

APRIL 30, 2026 (5:30 PM)
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Space to Create, 218 W. Main Street, Trinidad CO

I. ROUTINE ITEMS/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

A. Call to Order *and Welcome at 6:12pm by President Bill Wilkinson. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. There was a sign-in table and the District gave out rain gages, pens, and raffle tickets.*

B. Roll Call (Introductions)

Bill Wilkinson, President—present
Joey DeGarbo, Vice President—present
Doug Taylor, Treasurer—present
Tami Tamburelli, Member—present
Bob Porter, Member—present
Nancy Monteleone, Member—present
Gaylene DeCristino, Member—present

C. Suspension of the Reading of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: *Motion to suspend by Joey DeGarbo. Seconded by Bob Porter. Motion carried 7-0.*

D. Introduction of District Staff, Federal & State Partners, other partners, and Meal Co—Sponsor, Halter: *President Wilkinson introduced Lori Chatterley, Alex Mackowick, and Sammie Molinaro who then introduced James (NRCS), Blake (NRCS), Raquel (CSCB) and Julie (PWP). Then President Wilkinson recognized Elena Chavez from Halter as the event co-sponsor.*

E. 2025 District Annual Report: *President Wilkinson went over the report with District information and highlights and invited people to view the slideshow.*

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dinner—*BBQ dinner was enjoyed with fare from Picketwire Lodge*

B. First Raffle—*raffled off some caps, visors, beanies*

III. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING PUBLIC INPUT

A. & B. Halter Presentation with Q&A by Elena Chavez: *Elena presented on Halter virtual fencing. She showed a video from Grady Grissom of Rancho Largo as he was unable to attend; she presented information about Halter including its history and how it is now via satellite and not tower now, cow- algorithms, cues, training, and how ranchers use the software/virtual fencing to enhance production.*

C. Second Raffle—*raffled off some more caps, visors, beanies*

D. FSA Ramon Zamora—*Ramon was unable to attend*

E. NRCS Programs Blake Lawson—*Blake presented information on EQUIP related to Virtual Fencing*

F& G. Rakel Sanchez worked with Sammie Molinaro to share and discuss the Local Working Group questions; *feedback will be compiled by Sammie and shared with the*

District. Some highlights were the desire for field trips, budgeting for more communication (from email to postcards and social media), adding "coffee talks", grant money for timber and soil health to improve water resources, and a desire to get small acreage landowners who live west of I-25 involved with fire mitigation and noxious weed treatment.

H. Final Raffle—*raffled off some more caps, visors, beanies*

I. OLD BUSINESS—*none was discussed; people enjoyed lingering and chatting*

J. NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 1 Special Meeting (DCT Interviews) & May 7, 2026

K. ADJOURNMENT at 8:30pm

Signed:___ Lori Chatterton _____ Date: 5-1-26

SP-PRCD District Manger