Spanish Peaks – Purgatoire River Conservation District

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESIDED BY:
The meeting was called to order by President Bill Wilkinson at 12 p.m.
DATE: March 7, 2024
ROLL CALL:
BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT: Bill Wilkinson, Karen Salapich, Doug Taylor, Joey DeGarbo, Bob Porter
District Employees: Keith Mantelli, Jonnalea Tortorelli, and Donna Albertson
NRCS: Sammie Molinaro and Steven Schmidt
ABSENT: Tami Tamburelli and Justin Malespini
GUESTS:
ROUTINE ITEMS:
MINUTES: Bill Wilkinson asked for approval of the minutes of the February 1, 2024, meeting.
MOTION: Doug Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Porter seconded the motion.
VOTE: Those in favor:
Bill Wilkinson: Yes
Karen Salapich: Yes
Doug Taylor: Yes
Joey DeGarbo: Yes
Tami Tamburelli: Absent
Justin Malespini: Absent
Bob Porter: Yes
The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION: Doug Taylor made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, pay the bills and salaries and approve transfer of funds. Joey DeGarbo seconded the motion.
VOTE: Those in favor:
Bill Wilkinson: Yes
Karen Salapich: Yes
Doug Taylor: Yes
Joey DeGarbo: Yes
Tami Tamburelli: Absent
Justin Malespini: Absent
Bob Porter: Yes
The motion carried.

RECORDING OF TIME/MILEAGE:

Bill Wilkinson	1
Karen Salapich	1
Doug Taylor	1
Tami Tamburelli	0
Justin Malespini	0
Joey DeGarbo	1
Bob Porter	1

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:
INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from LAC Extension asking for support for AgFest. Joey DeGarbo made a motion to donate $1,500 to AgFest. Karen Salapich seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. CSCB District Operation Training will be held in Broomfield on April 22 – 23. District managers and supervisors may attend.
3. Upper Ark. Watershed Assoc. Meeting will be held April 18th @10:30 in Pueblo West.

BUILDING REPORT:

1. City of Trinidad requirement of backflow prevention device installation – The required installation has been completed and local and state inspections are done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2024 SP-PRCD Matching Grant – Keith Mantelli provided the board with a spreadsheet showing all applications that had been received and the proposed cut off for funding. 31 applications were received. 23 applications could be funded at the $48,785.29 mark. Joey DeGarbo made a motion to fund 23 applications and allocate $48,785.29 for the 2024 Cost Share Program. Bob Porter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. Exemption from Audit form – The form had been prepared by Mike Dixon and signatures were needed from the board. Jonnalea will submit the form to the State Auditor by the March 31st deadline.
3. Annual Meeting – The meeting date was moved to May 8th. Mt. Carmel will be attempted to be reserved for the meeting. Possible speakers that were discussed were Robin Bay on grazing and noxious weeds and Frank Falzone on Bio Char. Steven Schmidt told the board about a presentation he had attended on Bio Char as a natural fertilizer.
4. Weed Tech. Updates – Donna reviewed her report with the board. The City of Trinidad would like to continue the Myrtle Spurge program for another year and has agreed to allocate $4,000. Joey DeGarbo made a motion to approve the contract with the City for 2024. Doug Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed and the contract was signed by Bill Wilkinson. Donna has been discussing a grant with the USFS for fire mitigation in LA County with Jim Vigil. Jim has offered to write the grant. Steven Schmidt mentioned another grant writing resource SECED. The grant is due in August. Donna asked the board about renewing the Bio Control subscription with CDA for $500. Karen Salapich made a motion to pay $500 for the renewal. Joey DeGarbo seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. The CDA Grant was approved for $55,100. Donna had to rework the budget based on this amount. The board reviewed the budgets and agreed upon Budget #2 as presented.
5. Titan Fire – Sammie Molinaro told the board that Team Rubicon is set to come to Trinidad April 12-13 to install structures for sediment control on the Titan Fire burn scar. He asked if the board would be willing to sponsor a meal for the group. He said there would be 35 team members. Joey DeGarbo made a motion to allow $20/person for one meal. Bob Porter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
FROM THE BOARD:
LAS ANIMAS COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING: An agenda had been sent from LA County for the March 4th meeting.
DISTRICT TECH. REPORT: The board reviewed Keith's February report.
NRCS REPORT: The board reviewed Sammie Molinaro's report. Sammie said that he is trying to get a Noxious Weed workshop set for May 10th or 17th at Fisher's Peak State Park. He said he had 20 CSP and 35 EQIP applications in the office. The CRP sign up started on Monday of this week. There was a discussion on virtual fencing.
EXECUTIVE SESSION:
NEXT BOARD MEETING:

1. The next regular board meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2024, at 12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Joey DeGarbo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.