Spanish Peaks-Purgatoire River Conservation District

August 6, 2026
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES

1. **ROUTINE ITEMS:**
   - ***A.*** **Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call of Attendance** *at 12:13PM by President Bill Wilkinson.*
     Bill Wilkinson, President—*present*
     Doug Taylor, Treasurer—*absent*
     Bob Porter, Member—*present*
     Gaylene DeCristino, Member—*present*
     Joey DeGarbo, Vice President–*present*
     Tami Tamburelli, Member—*present*
     Nancy Monteleone, Member—*absent*
   - **B. District Employees & NRCS Staff in attendance:** Lori Chatterley, Randee DeCristino, Alex Makowicki, Sammie Molinaro
   - **C. Introduction of Guests:** Jodi Amato (Assessor, Las Animas County), Tony Arhnold (PRWCD), Julie Knudsen (PWP)
     - Jodi Amato presented some information regarding a landowner's request to withdraw from the SP-PRCD vs other special districts. *No action taken. Jodi left at 12:25pm*
   - **D. Approval of Minutes:** July 2, 2026
     Motion to approve the July 2, 2026 minutes by Gaylene DeCristino; Second: Bob Porter. Motion carried 5-0.
   - **E. Approval of Treasurer's Report/Financials:** July 2026
     Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report/Financials for July 2026 by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Gaylene DeCristino. Motion carried 5-0.
   - **F. Recording of Time and Mileage:**

MEMBER	Previous total	Trips since last meeting	YTD TOTAL
Bill Wilkerson	**10**	1	**11**
Joey DeGarbo	**9**	1	**10**
Doug Taylor	**10**	-	**10**
Tami Tamburelli	**12**	1	**13**
Bob Porter	**11**	1	**12**
Nancy Monteleone	**10**	-	**10**
Gaylene DeCristino	**9**	1	**10**

   - **G. Public Input (limited to 3 minutes)**
     - Julie Knudsen reported PWP is planning workshops on weed management/grasses and future of agriculture with potential to partner with the District. *No action taken.*
     - Tony Arhnold reported on the PRWCD dam/ditch tour event. He is working with PWP and Chilili Ditch to do a $1mil project/grant for a diversion that has to span the river. May ask the board to consider match funds in the future. *No action taken. Tony left at 1:20pm*
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
   - **A. DISCUSSION/CONSIDER:** Response to landowner request to remove property from district
     Lori reported that the previous feedback from the county and state had said the landowner could not be removed from the district, but after receiving further correspondence from the landowner, she did more research and the law does state that landowners can withdraw from conservation districts through a proper process regardless of the reason(s). An attorney consulted agrees. She presented a prepared document to record the withdraw that afternoon and send a copy back certified mail. *Motion to approve the recording of the Notice of Withdrawal at the county and adopt the withdrawal into the records as well as authorize the District Manager to complete this same process if anyone in the future follows the statute to withdraw from the SP-PRCD by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Gaylene DeCristino. Motion*

carried 5-0. A short discussion followed about the legality of withdrawn lands participating in district programs.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDER/APPROVE: Resolution 2026-05: Colorado Open Records Request (CORA) Policy
The Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) sent out guidance in July stating that "Recently, there has been a noticeable increase in Conservation Districts receiving CORA requests. As a reminder, conservation districts are strongly encouraged to officially adopt a CORA policy." Due to this guidance, Lori developed a policy from a CSCB template and has established a process according state guidelines for any records requests. *Motion to adopt the resolution and policy for CORA by Tami Tamburelli; Second: Joey DeGarbo. Motion passed 5-0.*

B. CONSIDER/APPROVE: CSCB 2026 Supervisor's List
This is the annual list of Supervisors required by the state. Supervisors validated their information. *Motion to approve the list by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Tami Tamburelli. Motion carried 5-0.*

C. CONSIDER/APPROVE: Continuity of Operations Plan
The Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) provided a training and template in June to encourage District Continuity of Operations Plan creation. The board will review the draft plan and discuss it in September. It works in conjunction with the USDA Occupant Emergency Guide. *No action was taken.*

D. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with NRCS
Sammie reviewed this NRCS-District agreement with the board. It is good through 2029 and allows the District to use NRCS equipment, space, vehicles, etc. and to work together for conservation on the land. There were a few updates/errors that Sammie will get corrected. *No action was taken.*

E. DISCUSSION/CONSIDER: Co-sponsoring Branson-Trinchera CD's Resolution on Shade Balls for EQIP
Lori received recent guidance from CACD that there is no co-sponsoring; it will go through the resolution process and we will have a vote. Sammie reported: a shade ball project in Red Wing prevented ice all winter; shade balls are a priority in New Mexico also. Lori noted B-TCD had CPW put in a game came for wildlife concerns. *No action was taken.*

4. **REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/ETC.**

A. REPORT: District Conservation Technician

- **CONSIDER/APPROVE:** District Cost Share completions: *Keith Mantelli ($1305 gated pipe)* Project was completed and checked out. *Motion to approve payment to Keith Mantelli by Tami Tamburelli; Second: Gaylene DeCristino. Motion carried 5-0.*
- **CONSIDER/APPROVE:** 2026 CSCB Matching Grant completions: none; *no action*.

B. REPORT: District Noxious Weed Tech
Alex reported he drove 99 miles in the UTV, sprayed 63 acres for African Rue with 413 gallons of chemical. He will work with the county to make an agreement for next season and start early.

- **CONSIDER/APPROVE:** Noxious Weed Cost Share sign-ups—Bob Porter, Tamburelli Ranch, James (Jake) Howard, and Mary Pettis *Motion to approve the sign ups by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Gaylene DeCristino. Motion carried 5-0.*
- **CONSIDER/APPROVE:** F250 Tires purchase—Alex got some quotes. The board discussed the tires and terrain. Tami Tamburelli will take the tire specs and get another quote. *No action.*
- **DISCUSSION:** ROW spraying—LAC will need to contract with a commercial sprayer for ROW. The $5,000 agreed to by the county will be for maps, book updates and a workshop. PWP may have funds to help with updating/printing the weed guide. *No action taken.*

C. REPORT: District Manager—Lori gave her report regarding her schedule, the building, correspondence and financials. Need a Supervisor to attend Upper Ark meeting in September.

D. **REPORT:** NRCS—Sammie gave his report regarding contracts, rainfall, Aspen Acres fire and flood assessment, and the popularity of forestry projects. NRCS reorganization letters should come by next Friday. Community wildfire protection plan meetings Friday/Saturday.

E. **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD—**

- Bill and Sammie discussed doing a fire mitigation workshop; PWP will share a structural ignition training opportunity in September.
- Tami suggested getting a new insurance quote since we have so many policies.
- Bill gave a fair sale report: 3 goats purchased (Grace Zamora $1700, Kason Martinez $1700, and Jakob Ramos $1800; and 7 add-ons totaling $1700 for a grand total of $6900; under budget slightly and tried to keep donations within our district
- Fire restrictions may cause problems with awarded cost-share project completion (i.e. fence building/welding due to spark risk). The board would like a formal written request through the DCT from a landowner to be brought to the board in the event of an issue.

5. **NEXT BOARD MEETING –**September 3, 2026
6. **ADJOURNMENT** @2:15pm; *Motion by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Tami Tamburelli. Motion carried 5-0.*

Signed: Lori Chatterton _____ Date: 8-11-26
SP-PRCD District Manger