Spanish Peaks-Purgatoire River Conservation District

July 2, 2026 (12:00 PM)
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES

1. **ROUTINE ITEMS:**
   - ***A.*** **Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call of Attendance:** *@ 12:18pm by President Bill Wilkinson*
     Bill Wilkinson, President—*present*
     Doug Taylor, Treasurer—*present*
     Bob Porter, Member—*present*
     Gaylene DeCristino, Member—*present*
     Joey DeGarbo, Vice President—*present*
     Tami Tamburelli, Member—*present*
     Nancy Monteleone, Member—*present*
   - **B. District Employees & NRCS Staff in attendance:** Lori Chatterley, Alex Makowicki, Randee DeCristino, Sammie Molinaro
   - **C. Introduction of Guests:** none were present at the meeting start
   - **D. Approval of Minutes:** June 11, 2026
     Motion to approve the minutes by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Doug Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.
   - **E. Approval of Treasurer's Report/Financials:** June 2026
     Motion to approve the financials by Doug Taylor; Second: Nancy Monteleone. Motion carried 7-0.
   - **F. Recording of Time and Mileage:**

MEMBER	Previous total	Trips since last meeting	YTD TOTAL
Bill Wilkerson	**9**	1	**10**
Joey DeGarbo	**8**	1	**9**
Doug Taylor	**9**	1	**10**
Tami Tamburelli	**11**	1	**12**
Bob Porter	**10**	1	**11**
Nancy Monteleone	**9**	1	**10**
Gaylene DeCristino	**8**	1	**9**

   - **A. Public Input (limited to 3 minutes)—** Tony Arhnold (PRWCD) arrived at 1:36pm to request input on the Drought Monitor report.

2. **NEW BUSINESS**
   - **A. CONSIDER/APPROVE:** Youth Livestock Fair Sale buyer authorization
     President Wilkinson reviewed the youth livestock sale process and noted the District supports several youth each year through bidding, helping them receive better sale prices. Motion to authorize Bill Wilkinson to oversee the bidding by Joey DeGarbo; second by Bob Porter. Motion carried 6-0. Bill Wilkinson did not vote.
   - **B. CONSIDER/APPROVE:** HVAC quotes
     The AC unit is struggling to cool one side of the building. After spending $2,506 on repairs this year, the Board agreed to obtain 2–3 replacement quotes for discussion in August. No action was taken.
   - **C. CONSIDER/APPROVE:** Lori reviewed a landowner's request and confirmed with county and state officials that the District does not determine exemptions, and none appear to apply. The Board approved sending a formal response by certified mail. Motion by Joey DeGarbo; second by Doug Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- **D. CONSIDER/APPROVE:** 2025-26 Supplemental Matching Grant Final Report/Reimbursement Request
  Lori prepared the report and request for CSCB. Motion to approve the submission to CSCB by Tami Tamburelli; Second: Doug Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.
- **E. CONSIDER/APPROVE:** District Cost Share completions: *Frank Sciacca ($2210 fencing)*

Project is complete and checked out. Motion to approve the cost share payment by Doug Taylor. Second: Nancy Monteleone. Motion carried 7-0.

F. CONSIDER/APPROVE: 2026 CSCB Matching Grant completions: *Frank Coppa ($2210 fencing)*
Project is complete, met NRCS Standards and Specs, and checked out. Motion to approve cost share payment by Doug Taylor; Second: Gaylene DeCristino. Motion carried 7-0.

G. CONSIDER/APPROVE: Noxious Weed Cost Share sign-ups
Alex presented Warren McDonald's ranch sign-up, signed by his daughter Stephanie Squires. Motion to approve the application by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Doug Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

H. CONSIDER/APPROVE: Supplemental Matching Grant Cost Share forestry completion—Karen Perrone ($5,000 forestry clearing)
Zoe Moffett checked out the completed project and receipts were turned in. Motion to approve the cost share payment by Nancy Monteleone; Second: Doug Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

I. CONSIDER/APPROVE: Targeted Conservation Proposal with location
Sammie Molinaro presented the 2027–2032 EQIP Targeted Proposal developed with Zoe Moffett. The NRCS program requires projects to be focused within a specific geographical area. Santa Fe Trail Ranches and Trinidad Lake Ranches were selected for forest thinning following an April workshop hosted by Zoe. Interest has been strong, with 12–15 landowners expressing interest and 15 "Conservation First" proposals already submitted from the targeted area. Board members discussed expanding the geographic focus in future years to assist additional landowners with forestry management needs. Joey DeGarbo moved to approve the proposal as presented; second by Nancy Monteleone. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/ETC.

J. REPORT: District Conservation Technician
Randee got her GPS and gave some stats on the B-TCD shade balls project which is going well. There was a short discussion about electronic water witching, well depth, and innovative cost shares.

K. REPORT: District Noxious Weed Tech
Alex spent a day with Donna on the African Rue tour; The plant is already dying and he may have to do some areas in the fall. So far $8500 is committed this year with 13 sign-ups for the cost share.

L. REPORT: District Manager
Lori went over her written report. Requested to light the flagpole. Motion to install lighting for the flagpole by Joey DeGarbo; Second: Nancy Monteleone. Motion carried 7-0.

M. REPORT: NRCS
Sammie went over his written report. His office has the 2nd highest workload in Colorado. Shared concerns about solar farms and subdivisions taking the best agricultural soils.

N. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** *Motion to go into Executive Session at 1:48pm for personnel as stated on the agenda by Tami Tamburelli; Second: Doug Taylor. Motion carried 7-0*.

   A. §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., Personnel matters: District Noxious Weed Technician 90-day review

   Motion to return to open session at 2:50pm by Doug Taylor; Second: Gaylene DeCristino. Motion carried 7-0. Executive Session discussion was limited to personnel as stated on the agenda.

4. **ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**

   A. District Noxious Weed Technician position—Motion to raise Alex Makowicki's salary to $50,00/year with the caveat that he look for more grants to help with funding by Nancy Monteleone; Second: Joey DeGarbo. Motion carried 7-0.

5. **NEXT BOARD MEETING –**August 6, 2026
6. **ADJOURNMENT**@ 2:52pm Motion by Gaylene DeCristino; Second: Tami Tamburelli. Motion carried 7-0.