



La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2012

Location: NRCS office, 31 Suttle St, Durango, CO, 81303

Time/Date: 6:30PM to 8:30PM; July 17, 2012

Attendee List: **Board Members:**

Tom Hartnett, President

Clyde Johnson, VP

Dave Miller, Treasurer

John Lee

Sterling Moss, NRCS

Cecilia Whitaker, Secretary

Quorum (need 4 voting members) *yes*

Guests:

Natalie Macsalka, Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB)

Paul Gray, potential Board member

Meeting Leader: Tom Hartnett, President

Agenda:

1. **Welcome** – Tom Hartnett:
 - a. Roll Call – A quorum **was** present.
 - b. Review Agenda –
 - c. Minutes – minutes from May meeting and June meeting were unanimously approved
 - d. Natalie introduced herself – conservation specialist with CSCB, responsible for working with the 23 conservation districts in western CO for research and funding
 - e. Paul introduced himself – recently retired mechanical engineer with 13 acres in Breen area

2. **President's Report** - Tom Hartnett reported the following:
 - a. Swore John in as Board member, but May 8 was actual election
 - b. Introduced Natalie as important resource for our group; Paul Gray as possible new Board member; Russ Howard from Animas/La Plata O&M Board as possible new Board member



- c. Tom's wife, **insert name**, has agreed to prepare media updates for us, as well as a newsletter
 - d. Tom and Natalie attended a CSCB and CACD joint meeting in Silt, CO; State level NRCS is looking for ways to handle budget cuts – asked for input regarding whether to cut people or infrastructure
 - e. Tom is the president of the San Juan Watershed and the next meeting is in Cortez in September
 - f. Annual plan funding is based on what you accomplished in said plan; matching grant funds of \$25,000 are available; last year LPCD was 62 out of 76 conservation districts and received \$2700; Tom submitted annual plan for this year but we need to look at it and possibly revise; it was decided to have a working meeting at John's house on July 31st from 1 – 5 PM to look at this plan and to get our new Board better organized
ACTION ITEM: Tom to send out annual plan to everyone to review before meeting; also to get Special Districts book to Dave to scan before meeting
 - g. Discussion on weed barrier pricing; John will look into this more
 - h. Our annual meeting is held in Nov/Dec, we currently have 7 Board member positions, Tom would like to increase that to 11, we need to revise bylaws to do that
3. **Vice President's Report** – Clyde Johnson reported the following:
 - a. No report until we define VP role in working meeting
 4. **Treasurer's Report** – Dave Miller reported the following:
 - a. Submitted monthly budget/balance sheet (attached below) – \$13,581.94 balance ending June 30; report unanimously approved
 - b. Follow up items – need to take approved minutes (that show Dave was elected treasurer) to bank to get signature card updated; it was unanimously approved that John and Cecilia should be secondary signatures
 - c. It was unanimously approved to require 2 signatures for any checks over \$2000
 - d. It was unanimously approved to cancel LPCD credit card since everyone can just submit receipts for reimbursement
 5. **LAPCO Report** – Clyde Johnson reported the following:
 - a. Discussion on how check for the quarterly rent payment is handled; Clyde will follow-up; rent adds approximately \$6000 per to our budget; discussion of possibly losing these funds due to LAPCO no longer renting our building due to reshuffling of infrastructure funds at state level of NRCS
 6. **NRCS Report** – Sterling Moss reported the following:



- a. Currently have 57 proposals for the E-Quip program, 10 of these proposals fall into the proposed Florida watershed project (see attached report for more detail)
 - b. State review for the La Plata office is in a couple weeks; between now and September is a civil rights review that Board members may have to participate in
 - c. Plotmaster – the battery is dead; it was approved to have John purchase a new one
7. **Website Development** – Dave Miller and Tom Hartnett reported the following:
- a. Tom discussed the use of Sharepoint and the USDA site, US-Conservation.org that CACD is using in conjunction with USDA; we discussed whether to use this site or our new web site, it was decided to look at this issue in more depth at our working meeting, Tom will demo site
 - b. We still need all Board members submit a photo and short bio to post on site, along with contact info and mission statement
ACTION ITEM: all Board members to submit photo and bio to Cecilia for compilation by next meeting
8. **New Business** – Tom Hartnett:
- a. Discussed adding Paul as new Board member; he is currently not a producer which would put our percentage of the Board at the minimum 66%; he was approved as a new Board member with one dissenting vote; Paul later stated that he plans on being a producer as he gets more settled into retirement
9. **Adjourn:** Next Board meeting scheduled for July 31 at 1:00 PM. This meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Prepared by Cecilia Whitaker, LPCD Secretary



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MEETING NOTICE:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LA PLATA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the Board of Directors of the La Plata Conservation District and to the general public that the Board of Directors of the La Plata Conservation District will hold a meeting open to the public Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the NRCS offices located at 31 Suttle Street, Durango, CO.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Minutes of prior meeting
- Finance update
- NRCS update
 - a. Florida River project
- Standing Committee updates
- 'Board Task' review
- Plot Master Use Policy Review*
- Calendar review
- Public comments/correspondence
- New business
- Adjourn

This Agenda may be amended prior to the meeting as allowed by law. Prior to voting to go into Executive Session, the Board will declare the topic(s) of the Executive Session pursuant to § 24-6-402, C.R.S. It is anticipated that any marked () agenda items may be discussed in Executive Session and acted on by the Board at this meeting. Any action taken by the Board will occur in regular session, open to the public. The Board may address the agenda in any order to accommodate the needs of the Board and the audience.*

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To: La Plata Conservation District

Date: July 17, 2012

Subject: NRCS Report

To date we have 10 EQIP applications that fall within the Florida / Salt Creek Watershed that could possibly fit into our Targeted Project Area. Two of those applications are adjacent to the river and creek, 7 others are located on the Florida Mesa and 1 is further up the Florida watershed along CR 228. We are still in the initial planning stages with most of these folks so the practices that may be planned and projected costs are unknown at this time. The application deadline has been extended until August 3 for the Targeted Project Area.

We currently have 57 active applications for 2013 funding in La Plata County, including the 10 in the Targeted Project Area. Most applications are irrigation related.

A majority of the applications for FY 2012 were approved for funding, but not all. Most of the FY 2012 funds have been obligated to my knowledge, but there is a chance additional funding could come through I suppose.

We have a office civil rights review due between now and the end of September to be conducted by area NRCS staff. They are interested in visiting with district board members at that time, I'll keep you posted on that when we get a date indentified.

Sincerely,

Sterling Moss
District Conservationist



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