



## La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2013

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

**Time/Date:** 5:00PM to 6:30PM; December 17, 2013

**Attendee List:** **Board Members:**

Tom Hartnett, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clyde Johnson, VP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Miller, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sterling Moss, NRCS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cecilia Whitaker, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Gray, LAPCO liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Thrash, Grants/Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bill Szilva	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Quorum (need 4 voting members)**                      *yes – 11<sup>th</sup> of 13 meetings*

**Guests:**

Russ Howard, Kirk Mc Knight

**Meeting Leader:** Tom Hartnett, President

**Agenda:**

1. **Welcome** – Tom Hartnett:
  - a. Roll Call – A quorum **was** present.
  - b. Introduced Kirk Mc Knight a possible volunteer
2. **President’s Report** - Tom Hartnett reported the following:
  - a. Need to work on getting Skydrive working for all
  - b. Dave to go over 2014 budget in his report
  - c. Annual plan of work and bylaws to be main topic of January meeting; had 74 votes to accept bylaw changes
  - d. Long range plan to be main topic of February meeting
  - e. Board and volunteer recruitment – working on filling in needs of CD
    1. Kirk McKnight – possible initial focus on ‘Weed Barrier’
    2. Monte Miller – AmericanAg
    3. Bob Wright – retiring in spring 2014, former member Dolores CD
    4. Sheryl Ayers – possible Scholarship focus
    5. Mark Daigle – Pres First National Bank – Jan 8
    6. Tom Campion or Robin Walsh - Election Coordinator



7. Donna Stahl – NRCS/LPCD ‘Corner’
8. Darrin Parmenter – Ex Officio
9. Sarah Jacobson –
- f. Volunteers – current
  1. Bernie Hall           Event hostess, coordination with radio advertising
  2. Tom Campion       Arbor Day tree planting demo for 4th graders
  3. Paul Wainright     retired lawyer - will review documents as needed
  4. Elaine Hartnett     marketing brochures, events
  5. Manda Burger       marketing designs, artistic skills
  
  6. Donna Stahl         Will assist in creating a LPCD 'Center' at the NRCS Office
  
  7. Kirk McKnight
  8. Marsha Porter-  
    Norton             Grant Coach
  9. Mike Souder        9R
  10. Russ Howard
  
3. **Vice President’s Report** – Clyde Johnson reported the following:
  - a. Will call Robin Walsh about helping with Board election
  - b. Kate Greenburg – works with young people in Ag
  
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Dave Miller reported the following:
  - a. Went over all line items for 2014 budget; to revise and we will vote on it on teleconference Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM
  - b. November - \$1689.28 revenue; \$ 0.00 expenses; \$22,086.61 balance
  - c. It was approved to pay 1% of budget for dues to NACD
  - d. It was approved to pay \$500 for insurance; will check with Natalie about coverage needed
  - e. It was approved to post revised budget for public review
  - f. Is working on Skydrive
  
5. **Secretary Report** – Cecilia Whitaker reported the following:
  - a. Tree orders are coming in – up to \$2068 so far
  - b. Minutes from last meeting not approved yet
  - c. Working on calendar of events
  
6. **NRCS Report** – Sterling Moss reported the following:
  - a. Phyllis Phillips, State Conservationist, is not retiring after all



- b. Emergency Watershed Request Letter sent to S.O. was not approved; almost all money went to NE Colorado
- c. EQIP “tentative” schedule for 2014 is as follows:
  - January 17 2014 Application Deadline
  - February 28 Eligibility needs to be completed (pending FSA status with forms)
  - March – May Complete planning
  - May 30 All funds obligated
  
7. **Sales/Inventory Report** – Paul Gray/Cecilia Whitaker reported the following:
  - a. Paul will do inventory, Cecilia will maintain xls file
  - b. Cecilia to look into selling seed at tree sale? Might be conflict with locals
  
8. **LAPCO Report** – Paul Gray reported the following:
  - a. Will get an accounting of LAPCO income and expenses
  - b. LPCD gets 43% of \$2000 monthly rent of building
  
9. **Grant Report** – Gary Thrash reported the following:
  - a. CACD – meeting Jan 21 – 23, 2014
  
10. **Bill Szilva reported the following:**
  - a. Forest Health Insurance Task Force – reviewed proposed initiative; was punitive to landowners; 11 bills currently before Congress; will draft letter to be included with submittal to State government
  - b. Compiled Landowner survey – noxious weeds ranked highest in concern to landowners, with water quality second, conservation education third
  - c. Workshops topics included drought, conservation easements, rain water harvesting, windbreak planting, drought tolerant planting
  
11. **Board Task List** – action items to be followed-up:

Tom	Check on plotmaster tires
Cecilia	Check on seed sale possibility
Clyde	Call Robin Walsh and Kate Greenburg



12. **Event Calendar** – see attachment

13. **Adjourn:** Next Board meeting scheduled for January 21st at 5:00 PM. This meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*Prepared by Cecilia Whitaker, LPCD Secretary*



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## MEETING NOTICE:

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LA PLATA CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LPCD)

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 LPCD holds a monthly meeting open to the public on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM at the NRCS offices located at 31 Suttle Street, Durango, CO.

#### The agenda for the meetings are as follows:

- President report – plans and work in progress
- VP report – plans and work in progress
- Treasurer report – financial report, website
- Secretary report – minutes, tree sales
- NRCS update
- Sales/inventory report
- LAPCO report
- Grants
- Annual plan of work
- Volunteer updates
- Board task list updates
- Calendar review
- Adjourn

#### Dates for 2014 meetings:

December 17, 2013  
January 21, 2014  
February 18, 2014  
March 18, 2014  
April 15, 2014  
May 20, 2014  
June 17, 2014  
July 15, 2014  
August 19, 2014  
September 16, 2014  
October 21, 2014  
November 18, 2014  
December 16, 2014

*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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## EVENT CALENDAR

Event	2014 Dates	Location	Contact	Comments
Farmers market	May-Oct	Every Saturday	Carolyn Blehm	970-412-8992
EQIP application deadline	Jan 17		Sterling Moss	
CACD meeting	Jan 21-23		Gary Thrash	
NRCS Soil Health Workshop	Feb 18	fairgrounds		
Beef Cow Symposium	Feb 18	Pagosa Springs	Darrin Parmenter?	
LPCD Annual Mtg	Feb ??			
Four States Expo	Mar 13-15	Montezuma Co.	info@FourStatesAgExpo.com	(970) 529-3486
Weed Symposium	Mar 25	Fairgrounds	Rod Cook	
Integrated Land Mgmt Symp	Mar 26	fairgrounds	Darrin Parmenter	
Tree Sales End	April 9		Cecilia	
Tree delivery	April 23	Tree pickup Apr 24	Cecilia	Truck arrives @ 9:30AM
Home & Ranch Show	Apr 26-27		<a href="http://www.durangohrs.com/homeandranchRegistration.asp">www.durangohrs.com/homeandranchRegistration.asp</a>	(970) 375-4511
2015 Budget Committee	August			

Dolores CD mtgs  
San Juan CD mtgs  
Mancos CD mtgs  
Pine River CD mtgs