



La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2013

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

Time/Date: 5:00PM to 6:30PM; November 19, 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*

Guests:

Elaine Hartnett, Bernie Hall, Russ Howard, Natalie Macsalka

Meeting Leader: Tom Hartnett, President

Agenda:

1. **Welcome** – Tom Hartnett:
 - a. Roll Call – A quorum **was** present.
 - b. Review
2. **President’s Report** - Tom Hartnett reported the following:
 - a. Will resubmit the annual plan of work tomorrow
 - b. CACD voted Sen. Ellen Roberts conservation legislator of the year
 - c. Annual meeting – Elaine has volunteered to coordinate meeting; it was moved and approved to allot \$250 for food and drinks for the meeting; tentative agenda to include LPEA spokesperson, Dave and Bill speaking about solar; also someone from Solarize La Plata; Cecilia to give update on tree sale; Marty Moses to explain stinger planter; Tom to update landowners on LPCD and bylaws; Natalie to provide landowner survey
 - d. Working on business cards
 - e. Working on Board Package
3. **Vice President’s Report** – Clyde Johnson reported the following:



- a. Won't be able to attend annual meeting
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Dave Miller reported the following:
 - a. No report
 5. **Secretary Report** – Cecilia Whitaker reported the following:
 - a. Tree orders are coming in
 - b. Minutes from last meeting approved
 - c. Following up on emails
 6. **NRCS Report** – Sterling Moss reported the following:
 - a. Phyllis Phillips, State Conservationist, announced her retirement effective December 2013.
 - b. Soil Health Webinar/Workshop scheduled for February 18 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. Not many details at this point other than it will be a nationally aired conference about soil health. Landowners and others interested will be welcome to attend. District co-sponsorship would be welcome.
 - c. Emergency Watershed Request Letter sent to S.O. along with Damage Survey Report. Now we wait for approval. No idea on timeline or if the project will be approved.
 - d. 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
 - e. We had multiple deadlines last year; the process went from January – August. Most all offices responded that one set of deadlines is preferable to better manage workload and that is now planned for 2014.
 - f. No Farm Bill as yet, no budget either. CO NRCS has been given operating funds to carry us through January. We expect less overall funding for standard operations than previous years. Farm Bill funding which funds most all of our programs including EQIP is unknown, will depend on Farm Bill passage???? We have been contracting about \$750,000 annually in the Durango/Ignacio offices.
 - g. Snow Survey has gone through some turmoil, lack of operating funds initially led to the ideal that our manual snow courses (2 have been measured out of Durango) would not be measured this year by NRCS. The



latest plan is that the courses will be measured by NRCS, but a smaller number of surveyors will be used to get the work done, saving money for training and overhead.

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. Need to paint trim on building; will follow up on monthly rent amount

9. **Grant Report** – Gary Thrash reported the following:
 - a. Animas Watershed Partnership sediment pond by tech center is overflowing causing sediment problem in Animas; nutrient loading and *E. coli* at border with NM; landowner workshop to be held
 - b. CACD – at meeting in Colorado Springs only one resolution was put forth from Cortez about investments

10. **Board Task List** – action items to be followed-up:

Tom	Check on plotmaster tires
Cecilia	Check on seed sale possibility

11. **Event Calendar** – see attachment

12. **Adjourn:** Next Board meeting scheduled for December 17th at 5:00 PM. This meeting adjourned at 6:30 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
- 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	
NRCS Soil Health Workshop	Feb 18	fairgrounds		
LPCD Annual Mtg	Feb ??			
Four States Expo	Mar 13-15	Montezuma Co.	info@FourStatesAgExpo.com	(970) 529-3486
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		www.durangohrs.com/homeandranchRegistration.asp	(970) 375-4511

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San Juan CD mtgs
Mancos CD mtgs
Pine River CD mtgs