



La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2014

Location: Colorado State Forest Service office, Fort Lewis College Campus

Time/Date: 5:00PM to 6:30PM; April 15, 2014

Attendee List:

Board Members:

- Tom Hartnett, President
- Clyde Johnson, VP
- Dave Miller, Treasurer
- Sterling Moss, NRCS
- Cecilia Whitaker, Secretary
- Paul Gray, LAPCO liaison
- Gary Thrash, Grants/Programs
- Bill Szilva, Grants/Programs

Quorum (need 4 voting members) yes -4th of 4 meetings

Guests:

Marty Moses

Meeting Leader: Clyde Johnson, Vice President

Agenda:

1. **Welcome** – Tom Hartnett:
 - a. Roll Call – A quorum **was** present.
2. **President’s Report** - Tom Hartnett reported the following:
 - a. Proposed ordering an exhibit booth with lights (<\$1000); it was approved by the Board to proceed
 - b. Pete Ruhl (sp?) to help with website; Mail Chimp program to be used for newsletter distribution; first 2000 is free
 - c. Dust problems – 3 individuals contacted LPCD about dust along Hwy 140; will try to recruit someone to work on this issue
3. **Vice President’s Report** – Clyde Johnson reported the following:
 - a.
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Dave Miller reported the following:
 - a. No report



5. **Secretary Report** – Cecilia Whitaker reported the following:
 - a. Minutes from February and March meetings approved
 - b. Tree sale – 4070 trees sold; delivery of trees April 23, pickup April 24

6. **NRCS Report** – Sterling Moss reported the following:

Snowpack is down to around 75% of normal.

We believe we may be able to start approving EQIP applications for funding at the end of May, but no official timeline has been set.

Phyllis Phillips announced her retirement effective in a couple weeks.

The CSCB Matching Grants Program applications were due in mid-June last year for 2014 funding. I'm assuming the timeframe will be similar this year. Concerning the dust blowing problem on the west side of the county, there is an opportunity to pursue some funding via this program that may be less cumbersome than our EQIP program. The matching grants program is administered by the district with NRCS assistance if needed.

- Cover crop planting, emergency tillage, grass seeding are practices that could be applied to address the situation for those folks that want to correct the problem on their land. Cover crops planted later this summer or fall could make significant dent in the situation, grass seeding would be the best long term answer.
- a.

7. **Sales/Inventory Report** – Paul Gray/Cecilia Whitaker reported the following:

- a.

8. **LAPCO Report** – Paul Gray reported the following:

- a. Parking lot to be sealed later this year
- b. Still need to get bylaws
- c. Will help Tom Campion with school trees

9. **Grant Report** – Gary Thrash/Bill Szilva reported the following:

- a. Animas Watershed Partnership meeting planned for next March
- b. Next meeting for paddle trail May 1
- c. Natalie wants to plan watershed meeting
- d. SWWCD meeting on public trust issues and fracking
- e. HR1009 – cost of mitigation , 50% cost share tax credit

10. **RMBO Report** – Marty Moses reported the following:

- a. Stringer planter demo – 100 trees in 5 hours



- b. District contribution \$683.68
- c. RMBO will apply for a grant for willow flycatcher improvements
- d. Second week of May – Ute Mountain Mesa birding festival
- e. May 7 – FLC water festival

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

12. **Event Calendar** – see attachment

13. **Adjourn:** Next Board meeting scheduled for May 20th at 5:00 PM. This meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. Next meeting to be held at CSFS office at FLC

Prepared by Cecilia Whitaker, LPCD Secretary



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 CSFS office located at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO.

The agenda for the meetings are as follows:	Dates for 2014 meetings:
President report – plans and work in progress	January 21, 2014
VP report – plans and work in progress	February 18, 2014
Treasurer report – financial report, website	March 11, 2014 – Working Session
Secretary report – minutes, tree sales	March 18, 2014
NRCS update	April 15, 2014
Sales/inventory report	May 20, 2014
LAPCO report	June 10, 2014 – Working Session
Grants	June 17, 2014
Annual plan of work	July 15, 2014
Volunteer updates	August 19, 2014
Board task list updates	September 9, 2014 – Working Session
Calendar review	September 16, 2014
Adjourn	October 21, 2014
	November 18, 2014
	December 9, 2014 – Working Session
	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
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		www.durangohrs.com/homeandranchRegistration.asp	(970) 375-4511
2015 Budget Committee	August			

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