

La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Colorado State Forest Service office, FLC, Durango, CO, 81301

Time/Date: 5:00PM to 8:00PM; June 17, 2014

Attendee List: Board Members:

Tom Hartnett, President ☒

Dave Miller, Treasurer ☒

Sterling Moss, NRCS ☐

Cecilia Whitaker, Secretary ☐

Paul Gray, LAPCO liaison ☐

Gary Thrash, CACD/Watershed ☒

Bill Szilva, ☒

Steven Phillips- ☒

Quorum (need 4 voting members) yes

Minutes: May, 2013. Add putting together user manual for plotmaster. Paul lead; Steve will work on disclaimer. Dave made motion to accept minutes as revised, Bill 2nd. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Tabled to next meeting.

Treasure Report- Dave Miller. Reports will be posted on OneDrive.

- \$28,811.52 in bank account
- Major expenditures
 - Cost of trees
 - Waterjet payment
 - insurance
- CACD dues will be paid out this next month.
- Tom had a question on how we track tree sales. Dave tries to id but not as line items on the budget sheet.
- Dave and Tom to work on identification plate for waterjet stinger.

Motion to accept treasure's report- Bill, 2nd by Gary- Motion carried. Report will be posted on OneDrive.

CSCB Update: Natalie Macsalka . N/A

CACD/Watershed: Gary

- Local control initiatives moving forward to possibly be on fall ballot. Concern for impact on private property rights.
- EPA/Army Corps of Engineers - Rulemaking on definition of Waters of the United States that would fall under Clean Water Act jurisdiction. National Association of Conservation Districts to provide coordinated input from agricultural view. Asking for better definition of ag exemptions.
- CACD board meeting in August to be in Leadville. Review and tour of Upper Arkansas river restoration project.

LAPCO/inventory: Paul. Need information from Paul on:

- Plotmaster- checklist for rental and return. User manual.
- Stinger- need user manual and cost disclaimer, rental agreement. Should involve Marty from Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory in developing manual.

Recruitment: Tom N/A

NRCS Report. Sterling Moss N/A

Plot Master: N/A.

Scholarship/Poster competition: No report.

Office Space at NRCS. Tom to meet with Sterling. Goal to have room at NRCS by end of year.

Unfinished Business:

- Bill- Wildfire risk grant. Our submission was not accepted. No return on why. Next grant applications due August 8th.

Special District Training Issues: Gary, Paul and Bill attended.

- Issues
 - Is our work covered under a statement of purpose?
 - Email meetings- what constitutes a meeting?
 - Use of private computers for board meetings- everything on our computer could be subject to court in the advent of a lawsuit.
 - Use of Executive sessions: when is it appropriate.
- Will try to get clarification from Natalie at a future meeting.

Marketing Display/booth. Tom made proposal on a booth. Agreed to have Tom go ahead and order.

Website. Volunteer- Pete Ruhl sample newsletter on Mail Chimp with comparison to Constant Contact. Tested setting up groups on both.

Weeds: Bill.

- Bill gave summary of weed meeting May 28th at fairgrounds with Ceclia Mui - B list coordinator for Colorado Department of Ag.
- CSCB Grant application. Bill gave summary of grant application. Will be a collaborative with La Plata County. Motion by Gary, 2nd by Dave to proceed with grant application for CSCB weed cost share. Motion carried.

Oath of Office: Bill, Dave, Gary and Steve have submitted signed forms. Still needed from others.

Loose ends:

- Appointment of new board Vice President
- Regional weed meeting in Ridgeway July 2nd.
- Wildfire roundtable- Bill.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.

Next meeting July 15, 2014 @ CSFS Office.