

La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2015

Location: NRCS Office, 31 Suttle Street, Durango, CO 81303

Time/Date: 5:00PM to 6:30PM; January 20, 2015

Attendee List:

Board Members:

Tom Hartnett, President	<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, Grants/Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (need 4 voting members) yes –1st of 1 meeting

Guests:

Natalie Macsalka
RC&D members – Dalton Montgomery, Kevin Mallow, Pam Starr,
Chuck Wanner
Greg Hopkins – Veteran’s Homestead Project

Meeting Leader: Tom Harnett

Agenda:

1. **Welcome**
 - a. Roll Call – A quorum **was** present.

2. **President’s Report**
 - a. RC&D presented their case for sharing office space; much discussion; we will consider their proposal and decide at a later date
 - b. Greg Hopkins withdraw his name for consideration as a possible LPCD Board member
 - c. Working on annual reports – finalized 2014 plan, ready for submittal; working on 2015 plan
 - d. Terry Jeffries took oath of office and is now a Board member

- e. Policy for access to public records (Policy No. 1) approved as revised (changed photocopies to photographic services)
- f. Had meetings to discuss cooperative efforts with LPCD and the following individuals/organizations - Laura Spann (SWWCD), Kate Greenberg (National Young Farmer's Coalition), Darlene Marcus (Scott Tipton's office), Bobby Lieb and Wally White (past County Commissioners), Steve Phillips
- g. Looked into signage for vehicles, Zircon and inventory
- h. Need to work on exhibit booth photos and content for upcoming events

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. Moved and approved to accept December financial report
- b. Need to look into TABOR
- c. Approved sending CACD \$1000 and NACD \$220 for annual dues

4. **Secretary Report**

- a. September minutes approved; all minutes now current
- b. Tree sales at 1859 trees, \$3602; ads done running in Herald; need to purchase fertilizer tablets; polymer bags ready for sale

5. **NRCS Report**

- a. EQIP application for the first round was cutoff last Friday, January 16, applications are being processed, planning completed, eligibility documents gathered; timeline is to complete the eligibility and planning by March 15; approved applications to be contracted by May 1; 167 applications in the system for various conservation work, mostly irrigation
- b. Received our EQIP cost docket and 2015 program guidance last week
- c. A general Conservation Stewardship Program signup is expected relatively soon.
- d. Snowpack is below normal, San Juan Basin Wide is 74%. Wolf Creek area is the worst, at approximately 50% of normal. La Plata Mtns are one of the better areas in the basin at 80%. We begin reading manual snow courses next week.
- e. Contacted late last week by Ryan with the CSFS, just checking to see if there may be interest in holding a seedling tree workshop of some sort, I told him we would be interested in assisting and gave him Cecelia's contact information.

6. **LAPCO Report** – Paul Gray reported the following:
 - a. Everything ready for winter building maintenance
 - b. Rent check for \$2245.91

7. **Grant Report** – Gary Thrash/Bill Szilva reported the following:
 - a. Bill gave update that the weed grant proposal for the Upper Florida watershed was \$12,500
 - b. Would like to implement a grant calendar to be ahead of the game
 - c. Possibility of meeting with Marsha Norton-Porter to discuss grant proposal submissions

8. **Event Calendar** – Tom generated new event calendar

9. **Adjourn:** Next Board meeting scheduled for Feb 17th at 5:00 PM. This meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Prepared by Cecilia Whitaker, LPCD Secretary