

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

**Location:** NRCS Office 31 Suttle Drive, Durango, CO, 81301

**Time/Date:** 5:00PM to 8:00PM; February 17, 2015

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

Tom Hartnett, President

Dave Miller, Treasurer

Sterling Moss, NRCS

Cecilia Whitaker, Secretary  Excused absence.

Paul Gray, LAPCO liaison

Gary Thrash, CACD/Watershed

Bill Szilva,

Terry Jefferies

Darren Parmenter CSU extension

### **Quorum (need 4 voting members) yes**

**Guests:** Carrie Lyle; (potential board member); Vernon Lerett? Sarah Syverson, Natalie Macsalka, Jack Burk, Sandya Tillotson, Gillian ? RMBO, Martin Moses,.

1. **Call to order, introduction of guests.** Dave Miller presiding.

2. **Approve Agenda**

3. **Review minutes [Action item] Minutes approved as amended to change times in header and change reference to CACD dues paid to NACD dues paid.**

4. **The Garden Project of Southwest Colorado/ School to Farm** – Sandhya Tillotson, Sarah Syverson

19 gardens in Laplata co; Needham elementary- need school garden coordinator, Manna Soup Kitchen- Ohana Kuleana Community Garden (with Riverview elem.) presentation/discussion. State Conservation Board Matching Grant proposal for LPCD to be sponsor for “School to Farm” grant. **Good program but need to find out how it would impact weed grant funds.**

Sarah- Described Montezuma School to Farm Program:

Jack Burk- Mancos CD Described how Mancos CD got involved with School to Farm. Started with Americorp volunteer. CD administers grant funds.

### **5. Public Comments and Communications**

Vern Lerett- CSCB Grants- Can only be given to Districts in Good Standing. LPCD lacks a Long Range Plan which needs to be submitted by end to March for grants to be issued.

Marty Moses: RMBO/NRCS. Waterjet Stinger: info; Guide to operating, rental agreement, stream habitat improvement guide are complete.

## 6. Treasurer's Update

### Treasure Report- Dave Miller.

- Financials: Balance \$36577.57  
.Expenses- \$673.62
- Budget accepted as presented.
- Tree sales- +789.14

## Old Business

### 1. Supervisors Reports/Project Updates

- Bill Szilva – Grant and meeting activities
  - a. Weed grant- no list A weeds; grant
  - b. Grant writing workshop March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cecilia Whitaker – Tree Sales- no report. Bill Szilva gave report on tree planting workshop March 11. Future workshop on tree entomology.
- Paul Gray – LAPCO Paul Gray gave report. Building maintenance- nothing needed till next spring,
- Terry Jefferies-
  - a. “Resilient” movie; American Ag Credit sponsoring meeting. February 28<sup>th</sup> 5pm.
  - b. Approved to give \$100 to Ignacio FFA.
- Dave Miller – Website. Page on scholarship added.
- Gary Thrash
  - a. Animas Watershed Partnership: Soil Health Workshop March 17<sup>th</sup> 12-5 pm at La Plata County Extension. Farmington on March 18<sup>th</sup> 8-12. Funding covers free soil sample analysis thru Basin Coop for 1<sup>st</sup> 40 registrants at each site.
- Tom Hartnett – Pres. Report
  - a. Gary taking over secretary job.
  - b. OneDrive Pages
    - i. Short form for Supervisor Bio's, volunteers and sponsors on drive.
    - ii. Mentoring
    - iii. Capacity building
    - iv. Handout OneDrive directory
  - c. Meetings
    - i. March 17 Soil Health- Gary
    - ii. April 25 Dave Miller
    - iii. May 6 Water Festival- NRCS with riparian trailer.
- Long Range Plan Assignments.

### 2. 2015 Annual Plan of Work – Time/Mileage Report- brief discussion on plan of work.

Carrie Lyle; (potential board member); works for Harris Water Engineering. Has worked with water districts, Southwest Roundtable water plan. Grew up on family farm on Florida Mesa,

### 3. Calendar Review, Task List Review

### 4. Partner Reports

- a. NRCS. Sterling Moss
  - March 17th Soil Health workshop
  - Young Farmers
  - New State Conservationist from Idaho. Follow-up from CACD conference call- Clint Evans coming from Idaho.
  - Snow pack going down.
- b. CSCB : N/A

### New Business

1. Workman's Compensation Resolution [Action item] Bill motioned Terri 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried. **Resolution Approved.**
2. Records Retention Policy [Action item] Terri moved, bill 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Resolution approved.**
3. Next Board Meeting – Mar 17, Chair: Bill Szilva
4. Adjournment- 7:45.

*Prepared by Gary Thrash*