

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

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

**Time/Date:** 5:00PM to 8:00PM; June 16, 2015

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

Tom Hartnett, President ☒

Gary Thrash, CACD/Watershed ☒

Dave Miller, Treasurer ☒

Bill Szilva, ☒

Cecilia Whitaker ☒

Terry Jefferies ☒

Paul Gray, LAPCO liaison ☒

Sterling Moss, NRCS ☒

**Call to order,** roll call and verification of quorum [4 required] Paul Gray- presiding at 5:14. Quorum approved.

### **1. Welcome guests: 2 new volunteers introduced.**

- a. Laura Spann- Media Contact. Office Manager for ALP and SWWCD. Moved to Durango 2 years. Good background in media. [lauraespann@gmail.com](mailto:lauraespann@gmail.com). Will have Terry Jefferies in business briefs next week.
- b. Sherry Bowman- grant writing; New to Durango as of last August. Wants to review existing grants. Master gardener from Michigan. Sherry helped Paul in distribution of trees to elementary kids.

### **2. Agenda approval/update Agenda OK'd.**

3. **Approval of May minutes** [Action item] Motion by Bill; Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Report on OneDrive. Account up to almost \$50,000. Tree sales & misc. income. \$100 in expenses for last month. Net from trees around \$2680. Gave out 375 trees to schools. Motion to accept report on OneDrive by Bill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cecelia. Motion carried.

5. **Comments from Public-** West Fork Fire meeting announcement 7/19/2015. Field tour at 9am. Mining, Safety, and Reclamation notices for gravel mining operations received from state.

### **6. Reports**

#### **a. Supervisors Reports/Project Updates**

- i. Paul Gray – LAPCO nothing this month. Stopped by building in Pagosa. Looked OK.
- ii. Bill Szilva

1. Grant for Florida ongoing due to weather. 4 or 5 day window for a decent spray. Will due USFS acreage 1<sup>st</sup>. Private land will be sprayed prior to 6/30 deadline. Grass seed won't be bought till fall (purchase from SW Seed). Bio control monitoring part of grant.
2. CSCB Grant- \$25K for chemical cost share. Only have had 4 requests.
3. BioMass meeting this Thursday on possible uses of material from fuels projects; location San Juan Public Lands Center at 1 p.m. Bill attending. Sherry's husband- Dan Bowman business "WoodChuck". She may attend.
4. Posted West Fork meeting; and National Strategy on wildfire mitigation on OneDrive. Fits Forestry portion of 3 year and annual plan.
5. Meeting at Lost Dog- CSU presentation on Forest Health Management and Forest Health Description was held end of May.
6. TGP proposed grant posted in grant folder.

- iii. Terry Jefferies-
  - 1. Passed around idea for Certificate for Sponsors. Board approved for Terry to go ahead and prepare certificates.
  - 2. Met with Pam Starr and Tom. Pam will be assisting us on grant administration. Will give Pam district's laptop to use. Tom to upgrade laptop, get it to Terry to get to Pam.
  - 3. Garden Project Grant- Terry, Tom and Sandya met yesterday and rewrote grant and brought in 4 more partners. Added an adult education portion; reduced to one school. LPCD in grant with \$10,000 for payroll. Motion by Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill to have Terry and Tom to work with Garden Project Grant
- iv. Cecilia Whitaker – No report
  - 1. Tree sales
- v. Ditch seminar- working on getting speakers for seminar
- vi. Gary Thrash -Watershed, CACD
  - 1. County Comprehensive Plan.
    - a. Discussions on county infrastructure this last meeting. Meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> will have technical expert testimony; Gary will post agenda packet from June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on OneDrive under the June board meeting info (2015-06-04 Planning Commission - Full Agenda-2189)
    - b. La Plata County Water Advisory Commission-
  - 2. CACD.
    - a. August Face to Face meeting in Pagosa.
    - b. Poster contest this year on pollinators.
- vii. Dave Miller – N/A
- viii. Tom Hartnett – President Report
  - 1. CSCB thought our long range plan was very good and should be receiving District assistance grant.
  - 2. CSCB vacancy filled Karen Wolfe to start July 1<sup>st</sup> in Grand Junction.
  - 3. Concern about weed grant.
- ix. NRCS. Sterling Moss
  - 1. all contracts are in.
  - 2. Oxeye daisy tour with tribe in Ignacio. Following ditches.
  - 3. Skywerx
  - 4. State Conservationist may resurrect local working groups.
  - 5. Attended Animas Watershed Meeting. “Who’s Poop is in the River”
- x. CSCB : **None**

## 7. Old Business

- a. Grant Application- Garden Project – see above action by board.
- b. County Weed Office Coordination- no progress.
- c. San Juan Cooperative Weed Management Area (SJCWM)
  - i. Need separate bank account for tracking grants.
  - ii. Met with county, gave tom a letter asking us to be the grant manager.

- d. Discussion on resolution to establish a bank account. Motion by Gary; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave. \*Resolution to Establish Bank Account approved and signed by board members authorized to sign checks. Dave will go to Bank of Colorado to establish.
  - e. Motion by Tom to move \$2,000 from current account to Bank of Colorado account 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Motion carried.
  - f. Tom sold weed barrier to owner of Red Mesa Store. 20% above our cost.
  - g. ALP board voted to revisit issue of irrigation to the “Dryside”.
  - h. Tom listed our Sponsorships and potential sponsors for this year: Terry will be preparing certificates to recognize them.
  - i. Internet to LPCD at NRCS office building. Dave to research.
  - j. Annual meeting staffing. Annual meeting scheduled for Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.
8. Calendar/Task List Review
  9. **New Business**
    - a. Watershed Request for Website. Some support.
  10. Next Board Meeting – July 21, 2015. Chair: Terry Jefferies
  11. Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

*Prepared by Gary Thrash*