

La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

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

Time/Date: 5:00 PM to 6:45 PM; October 20, 2015

Attendee List: Board Members:

Tom Hartnett, President

Dave Miller, Treasurer

Cecilia Whitaker

Paul Gray, LAPCO liaison

Gary Thrash, CACD/Watershed

Bill Szilva,

Terry Jefferies

Sterling Moss, NRCS

Call to order, roll call and verification of quorum [4 required] Bill Szilva- presiding. Quorum approved.

1. **Introduction of guests:**
2. **Agenda approval/update** Agenda OK'd.
3. **Approval of September minutes** [Action item] Motion by Tom to accept minutes as amended ; Cecilia 2nd. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report: Posted on OneDrive; Tabled until next Month**
5. **Public Comments and Communications- None**
6. **Reports**
 - a. **Supervisors Reports/ and Project Updates**
 - i. Cecilia Whitaker – Tree info out this week from state nursery. Last delivery date April 6th. Working on tree order form with Dave. Hope to have out by 1st week in November. Date for meeting at Cecilia's house. November 14 9:30 am. Agenda items: See new business below;
 - ii. Gary Thrash -Watershed, CACD
 1. County Comprehensive Plan.
 - a. November meeting will be on Plan implementation. Elements covered so far: Introduction and Growth Trends; Agriculture; Infrastructure, (Transportation , Water, Sewer, Utilities, Telecommunications); Extractive Resources and Renewable Energy.
 2. CACD.
 - a. Annual meeting at Beaver Creek November 16-19th. CACD offered up new supervisor scholarships- only 4 applicants.
 - b. Sage grouse not listed by UFWS (agreement for 5 yrs).
 - c. Waters of the US- N Dakota ruling to enjoin. 6th Circuit Court applied nationwide.
 - d. San Juan Watershed mtg. Gary handed out minutes of meeting.

- e. Live auction request. We contacted Durango/Silverton Railroad to see if they might make a donation. I have contact info for person with Railroad who handles donation requests.
- iii. Paul Gray – LAPCO- Worked out a way to collect from NRCS- using Pine River SAMS #. NRCS wants to go to a 5 year contract. Working on a lease agreement with NRCS. Allan McCaw is leading negotiations. 3rd quarter payment will come with 4th quarter.
- iv. Sherry Bowman- working on weed cost share moving slowly; 2 informational meetings with public good attendance for 1st, none for 2nd. Brought Ben Bane 970 382 6462 on board with weed office to lead. Working on getting information out to public. Contacted Pam Wilson who will send out email on weed cost share. Sherry has applied for scholarship to attend CACD annual mtg (Scholarship has been approved by CACD gt).
- v. Dave Miller- N/A
- vi. Bill Szilva- See old business below on Lemon Reservoir Weed abatement and Weed Cost Share. No recent meetings on Biomass.
- vii. Terry Jefferies- N/A
- viii. From Tom Hartnett’s President Report
 - 1. Tom bought TV for office buildout.
 - 2. 550 Corridor contract with CDOT. Rod Cook submitted one line invoice. Steve Ryder trying to get more formal partnership.
 - 3. Garden Project- Sherry will manage grant.
 - 4. Poster contest stalled out.
 - 5. Paul motion to support Sherry Bowman attending CACD meeting with \$400; Cecelia 2nd. Motion carried.
- ix. NRCS. Sterling Moss
 - 1. Congress kept open with continuing resolution.
 - 2. Attendance at CACD meeting will be only local.
 - 3. NRCS revamping way of doing business.
 - 4. EQUIP application cutoff probably in December?
 - 5. Forestry project: Joint Chiefs (NRCS and USFS) landscape restoration partnership to do forest treatment on USFS and private in Pagosa.
 - 6. EQUIP projects being held up by Cultural Resource clearance and State Historic Preservation Office agreeing.

7. Old Business

- a. County Weed Office Coordination- no progress.
- b. San Juan Cooperative Weed Management Area (SJCWM)-.
- c. Lemon Reservoir Weed Abatement- Bill , Terry and Justin Marler (USFS and lead for project) met with Steve Ryder 24th of September and toured treatment area. Weed treatment was very successful this year- Mapped in final report. Purchased seed mix from Southwest Seed that will be applied to bare areas. Grant finished on time and used budget. Outstanding invoice may become due before money comes from CDA (30 day response requirement on invoice).
- d. Weed Cost Share Program- Final report due November 20th . Sherry will work with county weed shop on documentation and prepare final report.
- e. Calendar/Task List Review

8. New Business

- a. Annual Meeting- Dec? Tom asked if Bruce Whitehead could speak, date would be set on Bruce's schedule. Proposed to be at Animas Museum.
- b. Planning session off site: Grants; Officers; Annual Plan of work; long range plan; budget and budget reports.

9. Next Board Meeting – November 14, 2015 at Cecelia Whitaker's home. Chair: Gary.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Prepared by Gary Thrash