

La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Natural Resources Conservation Service Office, Durango, CO, 81301

Time/Date: 5 PM to 7 PM; January 19, 2016

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

Sherri Bowmanⁱ

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

1. **Welcome and Introduction of guests:** Lu Boren Ag teacher at DHS; farm sw of Durango
2. **Approval of 12/14/15 minutes-** motion by Cecilia, 2nd Bill. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report Approval-** December revenue: \$22259.62; expenses: 1,053.07. \$60,891 in bank at end of year. Motion to accept report by Bill; 2ndTerry. Motion carried.
4. **Reports and Updates**
 - a. Partner Reports
 - i. CSCB Report- None
 - ii. NRCS report.
 1. Equip signup ended last Friday. Guidance slow to come out. \$30,000 cap on sprinklers for 2016.
 2. High Tunnel program cap \$5k each.
 3. May be a request for targeted EQUIP projects coming out.
 4. Conservation Stewardship Program- looking for people to sign up.
 5. Client gateway – signup to use NRCS computers to enter forms.
 - b. Supervisor Reports
 - i. Cecelia Whitaker-
 1. Tree sales. 16 orders, 1181 trees for about \$1700. Sent out new tree order form with updates on what is available, Dave updated web site. Will put an ad in the paper .
 - ii. Gary Thrash-
 1. Certified Supervisor on line completion awards from CSCB to Tom Harnett and Bill Szilva.
 2. Animas Watershed Partnership Update- Vista volunteer application San Juan SWCD New Mexico,

Grants-

Florida River fencing looking at property on Salt Creek

March Forum at San Juan College on Stormwater management 3/3/2016

New Mexico- Gold King Citizens Advisory ; Colorado Ellen Roberts Animas River Community Forum

3. NACD Annual Mtg 1/31/16 to 2/3/16 -
 4. CACD- Stock Show meeting in Denver 1/20-21/16
 - a. Mesa Verde NP/Wolf Intro Comment Letters
 - b. Will be discussing Stronger Districts funding idea.
 5. Connecting For Conservation luncheon highlights
 6. San Juan Watershed Spring Meeting- **March 15th to be hosted by the Pine River District with a location TBD.**
- iii. Paul Gray- LPCO- no new info on building maintenance. Rent payment should be getting a sizable payment this month or next month (covers 2 quarters). Plotmaster is at Paul's. Stinger: needs contract and signage.
- iv. Sherri Bowman- Finished final grant report for weed cost share and submitted.
- v. Dave Miller- New TV at office for internet connection. Updates for web page.
- vi. Tom Hartnett-
1. Cleaned up emails and updated contacts list.
 2. Fund raising by supervisors? Tom will put together packet.
 3. Submitted APW to DOLA.
 4. APW accomplishments report review. Due by February 1st . Motion by Terry to accept, 2nd by Bill. Motion carried.
 5. Sharing office space with Vista volunteer for Animas Watershed Partnership. Motion for Gary to work up MOU with AWP to use office space by Sherri, 2nd Cecelia. Motion Carried.
 6. MSI grant with county and us as Grant administrator for oxeye daisy control. \$95k.
 7. Garden Project update – nothing yet.
 8. Powerhouse science center using Riparian trailer.
 9. Dave will check in to requirements to exempt district from TABOR.
- vii. Terri Jefferies
1. San Juan Mountains Cooperative weed management. Waiting on invoice to finish out 2015. Start on 2016.
- viii. Bill Silva
1. CDA Weed Grant possibility reported last month, was unable to get grant application in due to personal issues with partners. Was due 1/11/2016.

5. **Old Business**

a. **Calendar/Task List Review**

6. New Business

- a. Board Appointment
- b. Office Share/Rental Opportunity- See above Gary will work MOU with AWP
- c. **Election 2016**- Election Date May 3rd 2016. Up for reelection- Tom Hartnett, Dave Miller, Ceclilia Whitaker and Terry Jefferies. New- Lu Boren
 - i. *Resolution to appoint Designated Election Official Motion by Tom, 2nd by Terry motion carried.
 - ii. *Resolution Election Type
 - 1. De- Taboring and Term limits? No action taken.
 - iii. Self-Nomination and Acceptance Forms handed out to board members up for re-election.
 - iv. Call for nominations to be published in Herald between Jan 24th and Feb 18th

7. Executive Session- if required

8. Next Board meeting February 16, 2016 Terry Jeffries

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

** Indicates Possible Board Action*

The Board may address the agenda in any order to accommodate the needs of the Board and the audience.

Prepared by Gary Thrash

ⁱ Sherry had called Tom that she would be late or absent.