

La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

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

Time/Date: 1 PM to 4 PM; April 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 Bowman

Call to Order- Sherri Bowman- Roll call and verification of quorum- Yes.

1. Welcome and Introduction of guests: Sharon Orr, Steve Phillips
 - a. Sharon Orr- Garden Project update; Sharon is LPCD rep to Garden project. Workshops with farmers and rancheers. Topics- 1st Irrigation Mangagement 6/24 2-6 old fort. Sterling lead. 2nd Beneficial insects- 7/20 5:30-7 Ohana comm garden. 3rd Nov date not firm. Weed control tool box- panel discussion. 4th Oct 19th Healthy soils Ohana comm garden 5:30-8 . 5th July 19th Old Fort- Soil Health- Travis Custer 5-7. 6th Dry land farming with cover crops- group from Delta County Utah. No Date yet. (target September) (sterling comment- include Yellowjacket Exp Station).
 - b. Steve Phillips- Scholarship. 5 applications. Michael Semler from Bayfield area- CSU- Ag business major transfer from junior college. Jessica Looman as 2nd. Motion by Bill 2nd by Cecilia. Motion Carried.
2. Approval of 3/15/2016 minutes- motion by, 2nd . Motion Carried.
3. Treasurer's Report Approval- **\$47,025.21 end of March**
4. Reports and Updates
 - a. Supervisor Reports
 - i. Gary Thrash-
 1. Animas Watershed Partnership Update-
 - a. Willow planting video with use of water jet stinger produced for us. Tom has posted YouTube link on LPCD Facebook. Helped plant willows on Florida 3/19 and 4/9. Talk to Ann to get reference to stinger available for rent from LPCD
 2. Attended SWCD's Annual Water Seminar, Friday, April 1 along with Cecilia and Paul. Grant opportunities mentioned: Ballantine operations grant for 501 c(3) organizations; NACD Technical Assistance Grant; SWWCD Education Grants. Judy Garrigue (High Desert CD) willing to help out with watershed 501 organization status and projects.
 3. CACD Annual Meeting Nov 11-14 in Loveland. Ck on whether Paul would be willing to change resource committees with Bob (dove Creek) taking on water

- ii. Paul Gray- LAPCO.
 - 1. Allan McCaw email that things accepted. SAMS #'s acquired and as soon as LPCD gets ours we should get payment.
 - iii. Sherry Bowman- exchanged dates with Paul for grade school tree distribution.
 - iv. Cecilia Whitaker-
 - 1. Tree sales. Orders 3634 trees for about \$7600. 44 customers compared to last year we had 82. Trees delivered tomorrow at 8. 8:30 to 4 for pickup. TV crew at 11.
 - v. Dave Miller- Matching grants- proof of insurance?; don't need workman's comp unless we have employees; individuals using private vehicles should understand their insurance covers, use of equipment agreement needs section that id's renter is responsible for damage. Paul will check on liability from equipment rental agreement.
 - vi. Bill Szilva
 - 1. Targeted proposal \$100,000 grant that NRCS will be lead. Applications due in by May 20th with acres and type of project. 3yr project. Want to put workshop on in September with MSI, Firewise, USFS, CSFS, CPW and us.
 - 2. Biomass meeting yesterday. Report on supply and utilizers finished. Redoing report to provide info to individual counties before release. Will be available to our web site. Focus to get counties to move forward with recommendations.
 - vii. Tom Hartnett- Absent. Read Presidents report for record.
 - viii. Terri Jefferies- San Juan Weed Management- leave bank account open. 2nd bank account for Garden Project with seed funds? Dave recommended we use spread sheet to track separate funds; new account would need new checks, and more work to manage.
5. Partner Reports
- i. CSCB Report- N/A
 - ii. NRCS report.
 - 1. EQUIP Targeted Proposal. Normal EQUIP type reimbursement for funds.
 - 2. District sales – NRCS needs to maintain distance from handling sales.
 - 3. Security documents- need to have Americorp volunteer cleared to have access to building.
6. Old Business
- a. Annual Plan of Work- need to update information on OneDrive
 - b. Mileage Report- Sherry passed around to update.
 - c. Office Share with Animas Watershed Partnership- discussed potential changes.
 - d. Calendar/Task List Review
7. New Business
- a. Garden Project Update
 - b. Targeted Project- ranking focused on north of Bayfield.
8. Executive Session- N/A
9. Next Board meeting May 17th, 2016 1 pm. Tom Hartnett

** Indicates Possible Board Action*

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

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

Prepared by Gary Thrash