

La Plata Conservation District (LPCD) Board Meeting Minutes

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

Time/Date: 1PM to 4 PM; May 17th , 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- Tom Hartnett- Roll call and verification of quorum

1. Welcome and Introduction of guests:
2. Approval of 2/16/2016 minutes- motion by Paul, Gary 2nd. Motion Carried.
3. Treasurer's Report Approval- \$ **44,974.14** Accepted as presented.
4. Discussion on SWWCD water forum. Paul liked presentation by Greg Hobbs and Bill McDonald on Colorado Water History. (Presentation available on SWWCD web site- <http://swwcd.org/programs/annual-water-seminar>. Sterling mentioned video on Colorado Water history that is also worth watching- The Great Divide.)
5. Reports and Updates
 - a. Supervisor Reports
 - i. Tom Hartnett-
 1. Reminder on submitting election results to DOLA. Done.
 2. Melissa May from San Juan SWCD in Aztec, may be willing to help us.
 3. Has Epson projector Cooperative weed management grant- we are listed as administrator.
 4. Karen Wolfe on supervisor training available.-
 5. Buy seed drill?- general agreement on to pass on such a purchase.
 6. CSCB training online. Tom will forward email.
 - ii. Paul Gray- Tree sales:
 1. Everything was picked up. Cecelia and Paul led distribution. School event: 438 students, Paul assisted Tom Campion, Sherri, 2 high school girls from Marvel, and others. Good help from teachers.
 2. LAPCO. We have a DUNs number, need SAMS number. Paul will sit down with Valerie to set up SAMS #. Has copy of title to LAPCO. Should be getting check for our portion of rent.
 3. Terri Jefferies- Garden Project grant- workshops tentative agenda handed out. Sharon Orr has been helping organize. Event pages on Garden project website.

Scheduled attached to minutes. Working on link to our web page. Need simple contract for Sharon and time sheet to track hours.

iii. Gary Thrash-

1. Animas Watershed Partnership Update-

- a. Forum June 2nd - Planning to have Garden Project presentation by Sandhya.
- b. Ann is doing a survey thru SurveyMonkey and asked if we would help in getting it distributed thru our email contacts.
- c. She is also conducting an informal survey on river with general questions on what are your concerns about the Animas and what are your friends/neighbors' concerns?

2. CACD

- a. Planning on a shortened annual meeting this year on front range
- b. CSCB reported a cut in severance taxes will probably have no funds for grants this year. Along with Tamara Straub retiring. Do we want to send formal recognition for Tamara's retirement?
- c. CSCB hiring new salinity coordinator. Jim Currier, former position, had mentioned we might qualify for a salinity grant.

iv. Dave Miller- Bill Szilva- Cecelia- Sherry Bowman not at meeting

b. Partner Reports

i. CSCB Report-

ii. NRCS report.

1. Garden project irrigation workshop 6/24
2. Valerie did water festival by herself
3. Rachael stopped by for NRCS security clearance.
4. Student trainee in June.
5. Local workgroup meeting notes submitted to state office.
6. Targeted proposal- looking at 5 applications. May be able to ask for more \$,s. Sign up deadline June 17th. Goal to have contracts by September 2nd.

6. Old Business

- a. Updated rotating meeting chair.
- b. Reviewed Task List.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion to change meeting to meet at 1pm and be finished by 3 pm. Gary to send proposal for full board review.
- b. Gary presented proposal to take waterjet stinger to demonstrate with Ted Turner Vermejo Guest Ranch near Raton, NM. He will ask ranch if they would be willing to give our conservation district a donation or support for the demo.

8. Executive Session- N/A

9. Next Board meeting June 21st , 2016 1 pm. Dave Miller

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 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

Adult Workshops	Lead Organizer	Date	Time	Location	Confirmed Speaker 1	Contact Info Speaker 1	Confirmed Speaker 2 (opt)	Contact Info Speaker 2	Workshop Description	Audience	Grant Topics (water consv, soil consv, sustainable ag)	Potential Speakers
1 Irrigation Management	Sharon Orr (LPCD)	June 24	2-6 pm	Old Fort Lewis	Sterling Moss	970 259-3289	yes		Out in field looking at 5 types of irrigation; some classroom Look at different soil plots	Landowners?	Soil & Water Consv.	
2 Soil Health	Sharon Orr (LPCD)	July 19	4-6 pm	Old Fort Lewis	Travis Custer	719 250-0535				Landowners		
3 Dryland Farming <i>cover crops</i>	Sharon Orr (LPCD)	August September			Abdel Berada	970 562-4255				Landowners?		Yellow Jacket research
4 Seed Saving	Mia Carrasco-Songer (TGP)	Sept 21	5:30-7:30	Ohana Kuleana Community Garden, 564 E. 30th St, Durango	Rachel-Marie Bannet, Seed Library					Community Gardeners, Everyone	Sustainable Ag	
5 Healthy Soils: Fungi & Microbes- Giving back to your garden in the fall	Mia Carrasco-Songer (TGP)	Oct 19	5:30 - 7 p	Ohana Kuleana Community Garden, 564 E. 30th St, Durango						Community Gardeners, Everyone	Soil & Water Consv.	Keoki Moore, Shared Harvest Community Garden or Richard Miller, Growing Spaces
6 Weed ID and Control Toolbox	Sharon Orr (LPCD)	November 1	5-7 or 4-6	Fairgrounds	Karen Rosen	+2 970 464-7916			also mention LPCD grant resources available to landowners	Landowners	Sustainable Ag	Karen Rosen (inseciary) Rod Cook, Darrin Parmenter + 1 Katrina Blair

*panel
-rust beetles
etc for
weed control*