

WEST GREELEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2009

Eaton CO

Eaton Country Club

CD Supervisors Present

John Leone

Stanley Cass

Richard Foose

Lennard Simpson

CD Staff Present

Pam Wright

Joyce Wallace

CSU Present

NRCS Present

Ray Mowery

Guests Present

Supervisor Cass called meeting to order at 11:10 am.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORTS

Supervisor Foose moved to approve December meeting minutes, Supervisor Leone seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer report was questioned by Supervisors as to why Property Taxes Receivable does not decrease as property taxes are received and why was Advantage Bank checking account overstated by a substantial amount. Questioned when and by whom Deferred Revenue Property Taxes were entered into Peachtree. Supervisor Leone moved that Joyce and Pam come up with a plan for Peachtree by the end of next week, and table approving the Treasurer report until that time, Supervisor Simpson seconded motion passed.

BILLS FOR THE MONTH

Supervisors questioned why Check Register had 2327.00 to Git R Done being deducted twice. Joyce explained that it is State Land Board funds and it appears to be coming from two cash accounts therefore being deducted twice. Supervisor Foose questioned what payment to North Shore Electric was for. Pam explained it was for wiring lights on exterior of building. Supervisor Cass moved to table bills until issues were fixed, Supervisor Foose seconded, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

There were none.

Old Business: None

Unfinished Business:

Prairie Dog Baiter: Joyce presented information regarding prairie dog baiter; Supervisor Cass asked if there had been inquiries regarding prairie dog baiting. Supervisors expressed concerns regarding liability and that a commercial applicators license is required. Joyce suggested cost share program for prairie dogs, Supervisors voiced concerns, and Supervisor Cass said no, no action was taken.

Signup sheet for Farm Show: Supervisor signed to man booth for Farm Show 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 2009.

1-27-09, 9am-12pm, Supervisor Leone

1-27-09, 12pm-4pm, Supervisor Cass

1-28-09, 9am-12pm, Supervisor Foose

1-29-09, 9am-12pm, Supervisor Leone

Mileage has not gone down: Joyce reported that IRS mileage has gone down to .55, but we do follow NRCS which is still at .5850. Supervisors said to continue to follow NRCS. No motion needed at this time.

New Business:

Supervisor Leone presented information on building option located at 1275 58th Ave. Greeley, CO. The site has approximately 57499 square feet with some first floor offices and full open basement. There are five entrances, three on east, and two on west. There are 20000 square feet available with 14000 square feet rented at this time. Joyce explained what needs were for Area Office employees. Needs to be open space with partitions no higher than three feet. Ray Mowery explained that FSA leasing was done at national level. FSA pays rent of 15.55 per square foot in the current building. Supervisor Leone will put together a plan regarding potential building purchase.

Advantage Bank CD 721900 will mature on 1-15-2009, the current balance is 17720.16. If the certificate renews the new maturity rate will be 4-15-2010. Supervisor Cass will call Adeline Mesa on 1-15-2009 to obtain the current interest rate and percentage yield.

Joyce presented request to purchase Grass seeder to pull behind four wheeler for small acreages and irrigation pits that need to be seeded. Supervisor Cass voiced concerns regarding renting drill and four wheelers. Supervisors agreed to purchase Truax Seed Slinger from Pawnee Buttes. Supervisor Leone moved to purchase seeder, Supervisor Foose seconded, motion passed.

Announcement of Audit date. Anderson & Whitney will be doing the annual audit the week of March 23, 2009.

Supervisor Simpson moved to purchase new tires on the tilt deck trailer, Supervisor Leone seconded, motion passed. Supervisor agreed to let Levi use his own judgment for purchase

Joyce asked for suggestions for an outstanding Legislator or Lawmaker or Citizen to honor at the annual meeting. Supervisors did not want it to be an elected official. Joyce suggested broadcaster Brian Allmer be honored as a Friend of Conservation. Supervisor Leone moved to accept, Supervisor Simpson seconded, motion passed.

Joyce told Supervisors that Poster Contest winner and Scholarship winners would also be recognized at the Annual meeting.

CSU Report: None

NRCS Report: Ray Mowery

Ray reported on audit that NRCS recently completed. His office meet 100% of open obligations. NRCS will continue to do yearly audits on a smaller scale. There is no word on funding programs for Equip for 2009. As of this date NRCS has 34 applications. Wildlife escape ramps are being made by Highland High School Students for stock water tanks. Funds donated by DOW were enough to make 400-600 escape ramps.

Board approved NRCS move files to secured area in the building. That move has been completed and locks were changed on the doors to insure that personal information is protected.

No Till Conference will be held 2-3-2009 and 2-4-2009 at Island Grove Park.

Referrals: Supervisor Leone removed himself as to voting on referrals as he has an interest in item #3. Supervisor Simpson moved to approve referrals, Supervisor Foose seconded, motion passed.

Bio Solid applications: Supervisor Leone moved to approve, Supervisor Simpson seconded, motion passed.

Bio Solid renewal applications: None

Conservation plans were approved. Supervisor Foose moved to accept. Supervisor Simpson seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Cass adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Cass
Vice President

Pam Wright
District Clerk