

West Greeley Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015

Call to order

Cass called to order the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the **West Greeley Conservation District Board of Supervisors** at 11:07 on Monday, February 9, 2015.

Roll call

Stan Cass, President
Lenny Simpson, Treasurer
Richard Foose, Member
John Leone, Member
Emmett Jordan, Member

Staff Members Present

Kandee Nourse, District Clerk – West Greeley Conservation District
Pam Wright, Community Outreach/Education Technician
Megan Lowery, Small Acreage/Education Technician
Jasen Kettle, Field Technician

Partners Present

Raymond Mowery, DC/NRCS
Mark Cronquist, CSCB

Extension Present

Keith Maxey

Houston Garden Manager Present

Paul Conklin

Legal Counsel to the Board

\\WGCDSEVER1\Business Data\Board Meetings\BOARD MEETING
MINUTES\2015\February\February .doc

None present

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **No Executive Session**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING

- **No Special Meetings**

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Leone moved to approve. **Foose** seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

Leone moved to approve. **Foose** seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 BILLS PAID

Leone moved to approve. **Simpson** seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Farm Show – Wright** reported a higher turnout for day two. **Foose** commended Wright for her preparations but would always like to have at least two people in the booth.
2. **Tree Planting Workshop – Lowery** had twelve people turnout for the workshop. Mike Hughes did the presentation.
3. **Annual Meeting – Wright** said the official count was 125; total spent this year was \$4000. Great representation by CSCB, CACD, PLC, NRCS and the Area Office.
4. **DCT - We** are currently awaiting the Purchase Order from the state to proceed.
5. **CCTA – Lowery and Kettle** attended and thought it was very beneficial and informative.

6. **Houston Garden** – A meeting will be held February 11 identifying partnerships, etc. Focus needs to be put to the matters of the Russian Olive stumps, repairs to some equipment, cleaning out the nook building that is holding unused cubicles and various items, etc. **Jordan** suggested getting things organized to make a strong web presence highlighting the vision, focus, history, hours associated with the Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Vice President Vacancy - Leone** was unanimously voted in as Vice President. **Cass** will remain President until the next election.
2. **Message of the Month Year Recap Budget – Lowery** asked for a budget to print up to 250-500 copies. It was approximately \$845 for printing in 2014. **Leone** moved to approve. **Foose** seconded. Motion passed.
3. **USPWS – Foose** is the Vice President for the USPWS and also advised no firm date has been set for the March meeting. Out of fifteen watersheds this is the largest with ten districts belonging. Meetings are typically March, June and September. **Foose** asked for everyone to consider whether or staff would be asked to attend. **Simpson** and **Leone** suggested that **Foose** should sort through the agenda's and if there is anything that would be of value to the Staff.
4. **Worker's Compensation Coverage on Board Members – The Board** wants to find out the costs associated. **Nourse** will inquire. **Cronquist** stated Special Districts Associations mandate that need.
5. **Camp Rocky and Envirothon – Cass** asked **Wright** for some insight and information where WGCD is in relation to these activities to which she informed we are not involved with either currently. **Cronquist** advised three years ago WGCD initiated a program within the Camp Rocky where some other entities had backed out. **Cronquist** advised he stepped up and undertook more involvement. Regarding Envirothon – **Cronquist** informed due to some issues with the former Executive Director for WGCD the CACD proposed a Resolution to assume directorship of Envirothon. **Cass** recommended WGCD resume active roles and participation in both Camp Rocky with the involvement of **Wright** and Envirothon by **Lowery**. **Leone** moved to approve the involvements of both programs. **Foose** seconded. Motion passed.
6. **Cow/Calf Symposium - Cass** would like consideration for hosting and sponsoring and taking the lead of such an event. **Leone** suggested a partnering with **Bill Webster** and the Chamber Ag Committee. **Maxey** plugged Extension to be included and share their expertise.

7. **Publications – Jordan** suggested redesign and layout of newsletter and showcasing the district. Also suggested better signage for the location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **SWIIM Farm – Leone** advised everyone Leafgren still needed to produce a contract with details therefore we will hold on to the check for the first half contribution
2. **Children’s Water Festival – April 29 – Wright** informed everyone the expectations are to have approximately 1300 4th grade level students including Adams, Morgan and Weld counties; there are always needs for transportation scholarships to bus students to the location; some presentations include the Denver Museum. **Jordan** had a coloring book to share with Wright that might be a good tool to share. Wright will get estimated costs for reproduction of the coloring books which should include WGCD logo.
3. **Tree Sale Update – Lowery** reported sales on track with 60 orders and a total of 5500 trees.
4. **Colorado Foundation for Ag – Wright** reminded everyone the event is February 14 at Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO. All the silent auction items and donations promised are planned. **Cass** proposed CFA should be an actual part of **Wright’s** job duties with WGCD as opposed to volunteerism and revisit the monetary donations, reimbursements for time and mileage within reason, time and how WGCD will support CFA in the future. **Simpson** moved to approve. **Foose** seconded. Motion passed.
5. **Seed Planting Update – Kettle** advised he currently has ten jobs on his calendar weather permitting. **Leone** is mentoring **Kettle** with the program. **Leone** has made an assessment of the inventory along with **Kettle** and would like to suggest a fencing the perimeter and add lighting to showcase the equipment outside the shop. Estimates will be presented in March.
6. **Scholarship Update – Wright** apprised everyone on the status of the scholarships and advised more info is always available at www.info@wgcd.org and working with Foundations at CSU, UNC and School of Mines, high school guidance counselors and Aims Ag Program
7. **Building Rent Status – Leone** has been keeping in touch with **T. Sprague** at the NRCS office in Denver regarding the progress toward rent payment. It’s still in the queue. New furniture for NRCS/Area office and FSA is tentatively expected around February 24.

8. **Anderson & Whitney Audit Agreement** – The audit will cost \$7000 this year and so accepted.

NRCS REPORT

Raymond Mowery /NRCS

NRCS REPORT 1/12/15

- **EQIP:** 19 applications for FY 2015. Ranking and approved contracts will be complete by April 17. Successful contracts are to be awarded June 1.
- **CSP:** .February 27 sign up deadline.
- **CRP:**
- **Building Issues:** Furniture to pod for salvage. Look into addressing the glare issue on east door into Raymond Mowery's office.

CSU EXTENSION REPORT

Keith Maxey

- **February 21 Beef Cattle Seminar**
- **P/T person on Endowment 4H position**
- **Info Meetings in County early April regarding Oil and Gas**
- **Weld Ambassador Sponsorship for the 4H project starting October 2015 – looking for about 6-12 sponsors equivalent to the number of participants for \$1,100 scholarships teaching ambassadorship and leadership to take out to the community and educate on Weld County Education and initiatives. There are different levels of activities – some are mandatory and others elective. Jordan would like to suggest a tiered recognition and acknowledgment. \$1000 is to applicant and \$100 for costs to conduct the program. Leone moved to sponsor up to \$5,500. Simpson seconded. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 REFERRALS

- **Leone** moved to approve. **Simpson** seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 NEW BIO SOLID APPLICATIONS

- **None**

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 BIO SOLID AMENDMENT and USE and DISTRIBUTION

- **None**

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION

- **Leone** moved to approve. **Simpson** seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 COLORADO MATERIAL RECLAMATION NEW APPLICATION

- **None**

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 AMENDED GRAVEL PIT APPLICATIONS

- **None**

APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS FOR REVIEW

- **Simpson** moved to approve. **Leone** seconded. Motion passed

CORRESPONDENCE

CLOSED SESSION

NEXT MEETING

- March 9, 2015, a Monday at Eaton Country Club

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm by **Stan Cass, President.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kandee Nourse
District Clerk
West Greeley Conservation District