

West Greeley Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

Call to order

Leone called to order the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the **West Greeley Conservation District Board of Supervisors** at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Roll call

John Leone, Vice President
Lenny Simpson, Treasurer
Richard Foose, Member
Randy Miller, Member

Staff Members Present

Natalie Macsalka, District Manager
Kandee Nourse, District Clerk
Liz Schneider, Conservation Technician

Partners Present

Rusty Norrie, DC/NRCS
Jasen Kettle, DCT
Roy Hall, Area Conservationist/NRCS

Guests Present

Emily Lo Dolce and Luke Rein, CWCB
Bill Danks, Landowner

Guest Landowner

Bill Danks presented the board with the reports from water samples tested on his property to discuss findings and ground water concerns. President of the Board, **John Leone** will contact the County Health Department and report back to **Danks** with recommendations.

Guest Speakers

Emily Lo Dolce and Luke Rein discussed various strategies for the Gilcrest Dewatering Pilot Project.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 OFFICER AND BOARD REPORTS

- **Simpson** moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Foose** seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 BILLS PAID

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

- Appointment of **Tracee Bentley** to fill term vacated by **Stan Cass** – **Foose** moved to approve. **Miller** seconded motion. Motion passed.

NRCS REPORT

Rusty Norrie, DC/NRCS

- CRP Sign up
- January 15 deadline for EQIP for 2016 funding
- CSP no deadline

DISTRICT MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

- Security around and at the building. **Nourse** was instructed to contact security consultants
- **Schneider** addressed the board with a list of equipment pieces to be sold and or discarded. **Miller** moved to sell the old mulch layer, sickle mower, fence cleaner as well as anything at Houston Garden and dispose of any defunct equipment. **Simpson** seconded. Motion passed.
- **Windbreak Approval** – **Dale Trowbridge** applied for a Windbreak Cost Share. **Simpson** moved to approve. **Foose** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Tree Sale Update** – Currently 47 tree sale orders

NEW BUSINESS and REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

- **2016 Sponsor Requests -**
 - **Governors Forum on Agriculture February 18 – Foose** moved to sponsor at the Bronze level (\$1000). **Simpson** seconded. Motion passed.
- **Annual Meeting Date Change – Simpson** moved to begin a petition to change the Annual Meeting date to the fourth quarter of 2016. **Miller** seconded. Motion passed.
- **Designated Election Official – Miller** moved to approve **Natalie Macsalka**, District Manager, as the Designated Election Official. **Simpson** seconded. Motion passed.
- **Local Work Group – Roy Hall** reminded the WGCD to hold a LWG and suggested it could be added to the notice at the Farm Show
- **Scholarships – Simpson** moved to change the high school level and Continuing Ed scholarships as follows:
 - Increase the three High School \$1000 scholarships to \$2000
 - Increase the Bryce White High School Scholarship from \$2500 to \$3000
 - Implement a renewable scholarship available to High School Recipients meeting WGCD criteria
 - Decrease Continuing Ed Scholarships of three - \$3000 each to two at \$3000 each

Foose seconded. Motion passed.

Houston Garden

- **Events** will be increased to \$500 per event for five hours with an additional \$150/hr in excess of five hour maximum time. Chair rentals will be \$1/chair
- **Community Foundation** has water issues clarified and waiting for WGCD to commit to accept deeding of property. **Leone** and **Foose**

have agreed to sit upon a committee to advise and direct **Macsalka** with further management direction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **None**

CSU EXTENSION REPORT

Keith Maxey, Director

- **None**

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015 REFERRALS

- **Simpson** moved to approve. **Foose** seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINING AND SAFETY RECLAMATION

- **Simpson** moved to approve. **Foose** seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS FOR REVIEW

- No plans

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Farm Show January 26-28th
- CCTA Conference Feb 2-3
- Seedling Tree Workshop CSFS Feb 3
- John Attenhoff will be at February Board Meeting

NEXT MEETING

- February 8, 2016, a Monday at 11:00 a.m. at WGCD Conference room, 4302 W 9th Street Rd, Greeley, CO 80634.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time is reserved on the agenda for Executive Session in accordance with (CRS 24-6-402 (4) (e). “I, John Leone, move that we enter Executive Session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing

*negotiators concerning Houston Gardens operations.” Seconded by Randy Miller.
So moved.*

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm by **John Leone, Vice President.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kandee Nourse
Office Administrator