

# ***West Greeley Conservation District***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

May 11, 2015

### **Call to order**

Cass called to order the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the **West Greeley Conservation District Board of Supervisors** at 11:05 on Monday, May 11, 2015.

### **Roll call**

**Stan Cass, President**  
**Lenny Simpson, Treasurer**  
**Richard Foose, Member**  
**John Leone, Member**  
**Randy Miller, Member**

### **Staff Members Present**

**Kandee Nourse, District Clerk – West Greeley Conservation District**  
**Megan Lowery, Small Acreage/Education Technician**  
**Jasen Kettle, Field Technician**

### **Partners Present**

**Raymond Mowery/DC-NRCS**  
**LeRoy Hall/NRCS**

### **Extension Present**

**None**

### **Houston Garden Manager Present**

**Paul Conklin**

### **Legal Counsel to the Board**

**None present**

## **Guests Present**

**Natalie Macsalka, New District Manager**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **No Executive Session**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING**

- **No Special Meetings**

## **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

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

## **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

## **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 BILLS PAID**

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**None**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **TREE SALE** – **Megan Lowery** recapped the success of the tree sale and acknowledged the assistance from **Cass, Foose, Randy and Sharon Miller**. All orders were picked up and the fabric mulch will be picked up by those who placed orders.
2. **SIGNS FIRST** – **Nourse** advised the new signage had been completed to the north entrance and entrance area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Cass** presented introduced **Natalie Macsalka**, WGCD new District Manager, who will report on May 18, 2015.
2. **Coalbank Creek Dam Inspection** – **NRCS** will take **Jasen Kettle, DCT**, to the location to prepare for inspection on June 8.

3. **June 8 Board Meeting – Reminder** – will be held at **Houston Garden**.
4. **Summer Newsletter Budget – \$5000** - was approved to go forward. **Foose** moved to approve. **Leone** seconded. Motion passed.
5. **Memorial Day – Office Closed**.
6. **Front Desk Coverage – Cass** wants to be sure we always have staffing at the front area and if necessary get back up personnel.
7. **Community Foundation – Cass** asked the board's consideration of having the Community Foundation transfer Houston Garden to WGCD. After some discussion Conklin was asked to compile a list of major capital expenditures that need addressed. A motion was made to begin the process of such transfer but motion died to lack of a second. Tabled for another month.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Chamber Ag Water Symposium – Leone** advised the upcoming symposium Wednesday, May 13 3:30 to 5:30 at UCCC with water education for city and rural residents.
2. **Camp Rocky – July 5 thru July 11 – Nourse** will continue to seek campers and try to keep them within the district boundaries. We have five total scholarships available at \$350 each.
3. **Envirothon – May 14 & 15 in Alamosa - Lowery** will be and there will be 18 teams this year. Greeley West FFA is also participating and sponsored by WGCD for \$1,000.
4. **Children's Water Festival - Conklin** attended and was a presenter for the Riparian trailer. He will also be attending festivals in Loveland and Ft Collins.
5. **Houston Garden – Conklin and Foose :**
  - 4H Group Cloverbud May 30 there will be 60 4-H'ers
  - The Community Gardens has awarded Houston Gardens a \$500 grant
  - Quality Well replaced the pump and all is working well
  - Planting several perennials and plans to make signs to identify all plants

- All plots are rented
  - NRCS has a crop seeding test plot along the front gate
6. **Building Rent Status – Leone** advised we have invoiced NRCS for the past due months of October and November. April is behind.
  7. **Small Acreage Workshop – May 16 – Lowery** will be representing WGCD.
  8. **Dillard Windbreak – May 18 & 19 –** The Colorado Forest Service is coming to rip and plant the trees starting May 18. NRCS staff members, **Will Owsley** and **Levi Sievers** will be helping WGCD Staff member, **Jasen Kettle** with the project.
  9. **Irrigation Pipeline – NRCS** project – **Mowery** presented some ideas with the idea of **WGCD** teaming up with **NRCS**. After discussion – this topic will be tabled for a better time since NRCS did not get any funding for any irrigation projects.

## **NRCS REPORT**

### **Raymond Mowery /NRCS**

- **EQIP:** Limited; two grazing pre-approved; no irrigation but can change
- **CSP:** One eligible application
- **CRP:** **Jasen Kettle** is the new DCT and being trained to start site visits on mid contract management
- **Jasen Kettle**, DCT paperwork and security clearance is still in process
- **GENERAL:** request for use of district trailer and truck to take NRCS salvage items to recycling and Habitat for Humanity
- **NRCS STAFF CHANGES:** **Ray Mowery/DC** is retiring as of May 30. **Stu MacFarland** has officially relocated and his position posting closed. **Jan Fitch/ASIS** program is also gone

## **CSU EXTENSION REPORT**

**Keith Maxey – no report**

## **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 REFERRALS**

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

## **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 NEW BIO SOLID APPLICATIONS**

- **None**

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 BIO SOLID AMENDMENT and USE and DISTRIBUTION**

- **None**

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION**

- **None**

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 COLORADO CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL RECLAMATION NEW APPLICATION**

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

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 AMENDED GRAVEL PIT APPLICATIONS**

- **None**

**APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS FOR REVIEW**

- **None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

- **Board went into closed session to discuss Employee Reviews for Megan Lowery and Kandee Nourse.**

**NEXT MEETING**

- **June 8, 2015, a Monday at 9:00 a.m. Coalbank Creek Dam then 11:00 a.m. at Houston Garden, 515 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Greeley, CO**

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm by **Stan Cass, President.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kandee Nourse  
District Clerk  
West Greeley Conservation District