

# **West Greeley Conservation District**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 11, 2016

### **Call to order**

**Leone** called to order the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the West Greeley Conservation District Board of Supervisors at 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

### **Roll call**

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

### **Staff Members Present**

**Kandee Nourse**, Office Administrator  
**Liz Schneider**, Conservation Technician  
**Paul Conklin**, Houston Garden Manager  
**Bruce Cameron**, Technician

### **Partners Present**

**Rusty Norrie**, DC/NRCS  
**Jasen Kettle**, DCT

### **Guests Present**

**Kristi Helzer**, Kristi's Kreations

### **Partners Present**

None Present

### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NONE**

## APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2016 OFFICER AND BOARD REPORTS

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

## APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2016 BILLS PAID

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

## NRCS REPORT

**Rusty Norrie/NRCS-District Conservationist**

- See attached

## STAFF and HOUSTON GARDEN REPORTS

- **Houston Garden – Conklin's status report for the Garden:**
  - **Greeley West Tree Planting**
  - **Brende's Cherry Trees**
  - **\$500 State Farm Volunteer Donation**
  - **Noah Miyoshi Eagle Scout Project**
  - **Planted Windbreak**
  - **Vandalism along west fence**
  - **Winterizing Garden/Plots/Buildings**
- **Conservation Technician Update (Liz Schneider)**
  - **Seeding – On Track**
  - **Gilcrest DeWatering – No changes – on track**
  - **Equipment – Consideration of trading in chisel and plow toward new seed drill**
  - **Weld County Windbreak Collaboration – Collaboration on up to five Cost Shares**
  - **Rangeland Workshop**

- **District Conservation Technician ( Jasen Kettle )**
  - **CRP Reporting/visits**
  - **Coalbank Dam Repairs**
  - **Rangeland Workshop**
- **District Manager (Kandee Nourse)**
  - **Rangeland Workshop**
  - **CACD**
  - **Video**
  - **Annual Meeting**
  - **Budget**
  - **Natural Habitat Project**
  - **Small Grant Applicants**

#### **NEW BUSINESS and REQUESTS FOR FUNDS**

- **Oath of Office – Allen Beloin** (postponed until November meeting)
- **Cost Shares:**
  - **Windbreak:** John Hilderbrant - **Simpson** moved to approve 50% up to \$3500. **Miller** seconded. Motion carried.
  - **Livestock Well:** **Marsha Fiscus Clark.** **Simpson** moved to approve 50% of \$17,418.35 (approx. 300' deep). **Miller** seconded. Motion carried.
  - **Small Acreage Irrigation Improvement:** Don Brazelton - **Simpson** moved to approve on \$24,000 estimate. **Miller** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Check Boxes Repair and New Addition – Gerald Roth** – Request doesn't fit into area of conservation.
- **Tree Sale 2015-2016 Budget** – **Miller** moved to approve \$5000. **Simpson** seconded. Motion carried.

- **ESRI (ARC/GIS mapping program) – Simpson** moved to approve up to \$800 for two licenses. Miller seconded. Motion carried.
- **Small Grant Application Review:**
  - **Heath Middle School Greenhouse Project \$1500 (NO)**
  - **Greeley West High School Adventure and Angling for \$1455 (NO)**
- **CACD – November 15-17 Simpson** moved to approve \$1000 sponsorship level. Miller seconded. Motion carried.
- **NACD Annual Membership Dues – Simpson** moved to approve \$775 sponsorship level. Miller seconded. Motion passed.
- **PLC Well Watch Program Sponsorship – Nourse** will ask for 2017 Budget and outline of spending
- **CEBT and Health Coverage Increases – K. Nourse** will contact CEBT about rates
- **Mirage Productions/Kristi's Kreations –** Introductions and information about video production
- **Petition into the District – Don Brazelton - Simpson** moved to approve. Miller seconded. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Coalbank Dam Inspection – J. Kettle and K.Nourse** applied bait and painted inlets
- **Common Good Composting Demo at Houston Garden – P.Conklin** will start construction of bins and bring in Boys and Girls Club as volunteers
- **Holistic Grazing Conference Report – Emmett Jordan, Scott Timm and Jeff Wahlert** attended the conference
- **Upcoming CD Expiration at Farmers Bank –** Move to First National Bank at 36 mo's 1.6%
- **Rangeland Judging Field Day at Emmett Jordan Cattle Company –** Six FFA Chapters were represented, Barn Media broadcasted the event, NRCS and WGCD Staff members presented demonstrations on rangeland inventories.
- **Calendar Updates –** Calendars are in production and will be ready for Annual Meeting.

## **CSU EXTENSION REPORT - Keith Maxey, Director**

## **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2016 REFERRALS**

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

## **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINED LAND RECLAMATION**

- **None**

## **APPROVAL OF RECLAMATION PERMIT**

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

## **APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS FOR REVIEW**

- **None.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**

- Please turn in your mileage

## **NEXT MEETING**

- November 14, 2016, Monday at 11:00 a.m. at WGCD Conference room, 4302 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street Rd, Greeley, CO 80634.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Time was reserved on the agenda for Executive Session in accordance with (CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f)).**

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm by **John Leone, President.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kandee Nourse  
District Manager

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WGCD Board Meeting Notes from NRCS

FY16 Farm Bill Update

**FY16 Farm Bill Totals**

**EQIP – (13 New Contracts, 4090 new acres, \$465,298), 29 active contracts, Certified/Paid 30 practices**

**CSP – (3 New Contracts, 1 Renewal Contract, \$197,385, 7624.6 acres), 17 active contracts, Certified/Paid 35 CIN's**

**CRP – 40 New CRP-General conservation plans (8715 acres), 14 New CRP-Grasslands plans (4712 acres), 1056 active CRP contracts on 204,506 acres**

**Easements – 1 active GRP contract**

Applied Acre Goals for 6.9:

CTA Goal – 9000 acres

CTA Applied – 10,531 acres

**CTA – 117%**

EQIP Goal – 11,000 acres

EQIP Applied – 16,803 acres

**EQIP – 152%**

AgrAbility Project update

- Rusty has spoken with the neighboring offices in Fort Morgan and Sterling. Both office have agreed to partner in the project and open their counties to applicants. Expanding the project area will improve the chances of the project being approved by the NRCS State Office in the spring of 2017 when the proposal is submitted.
- Rusty has also spoken with Norm (program manager) from AgrAbility and is currently working to set up a meeting to finalize the details of the program.

*Thru USDA partnership w/ CSU for Ranches & farmers w/ disab. Agri - helps modify equip, etc w/cons. practices*

*Obligated under 2016  
- maybe paid out 2017*

*Jalen*