

Teller-Park Conservation District

800 Research Drive, Suite 224-CSU Extension
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Board of Supervisors Meeting-Zoom

November 08, 2023

Supervisors: Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider, Mark Liverman, John, Rebecca Pruitt, John Vance

Partners:

NRCS: Chris Smith, Greg Langer

Partner Biologist: Kyle Deschenes

Staff: Marisa Neuzil

Call to order: Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM

Minutes and Financials: Wendy made a motion to approve the October minutes, John seconded. Motion carried.

John made a motion to approve October financials, Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS- This year the EQIP rollout will be more complicated than in the past. There is Infrastructure Reduction Money that will be put into projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This is four times the amount of money that is usually spent here. Area 3 will receive 4.25 million. Act Now funding is available through March 1st. These are projects that will have a very quick turnaround. Regular EQUIP funding is not tied to the IRA funding. Irrigation projects will not be funded through IRA funding. CSP applications will be accepted through May 1st. These are capped at a certain amount over five years. The board would like a comprehensive list of NRCS practices. Chris will provide this at the December meeting. High tunnel applications are coming in at a good rate. These are in both Park and Teller counties. They rate higher if there is a community food component. He discussed the specs involved with these projects. NRCS may be adding another snow survey course.

Greg: Greg shared that Joslyn is transferring to Florida. The district will be looking for replacements for this office.

Partner Biologist- Kyle is working with the conservation district and the Colorado State Forest Service in order to submit a grant to the NFWF to for a Colorado Restore grant. This funding will go toward forest work in a wildlife migratory corridor on State Conservation Lands. This application will go through the district and will be completed in conjunction with CSFS. Greg moved that the Teller-Park Conservation District will collaborate with the partner biologist and Colorado State Forest Service in the application of a RESTORE grant. John seconded. Motion carried. Kyle is working in the Navajo Estates area on some mitigation projects.

DM-see attached. Lucy Bauer has given two HOA weed talks in Park County.

Old Business: Marisa's review will be under executive committee and Laurie will go over with Marisa later. The final budget will be presented to the board for review and adoption on December 13th. There is an action item for all of the board to watch the CSCB webinar regarding mining. This can be found on the District Operations page located on the CSCB website.

New Business: The board discussed the RESTORE grant earlier in the meeting.

Supervisor Reports:

Laurie: Laurie would like us to circle back to the BOCC regarding wording in the new rubbish ordinance. The water trailer is in Canon waiting to be painted. She would also like us to consider the metrics of giving out scholarships in the Spring as well as looking at the possibility of having a summer intern. Marisa has started a folder with scholarship templates.

Rebecca: Rebecca brought up concerns with the new burn ordinance in Teller County.

Wendy: Wendy spoke with Brittany Pederson regarding the Divide sewage treatment plant. The money is being held up in committee. This is a mandated update as it will soon be out of compliance with the CDPHE. The planning commission is looking at a change of location for the Divide water station.

John: John would like reenforce our goal of working with partners to play a larger conservation role in both counties.

Greg: Greg attended a meeting put on with 4-Mile Fire Protection Agency. They discussed fuels mitigation in CCME. They work collaboratively with CUSP on cost-share. There was a forester from the Arkansas Watershed Roundtable Collaborative who discussed biochar as a tool in the mitigation toolbox. Greg and Wendy met the new mayor of Cripple Creek who spoke about their hydroponics project at the CC High School. Rebecca said that she will reach out to the HS in order to see how the district can help. Cripple Creek passed a 1% tax increase that will fund this project for the next five years. Greg attended a Pikes Peak outdoor Industry Leadership conference in Colorado Springs dealing with outdoor recreation in the Pikes Peak Region. The board will look at their website and see how the district can plug into this network.

Action Items: Board: Marisa Eval, By-Laws, Watch CSCB Webinar on mining. Marisa: Bylaws, Budget

Meeting adjourned: 12:38 PM

Executive Session: 12:40-2:40

NEXT MEETING: December 13, 2023, 10:00 AM TPCD

Approve and: _____ by Rebecca Pruitt- Secretary/Treasurer