

Teller-Park Conservation District

800 Research Drive, Suite 224-CSU Extension
Woodland Park, CO 80863

Board of Supervisors Meeting-Zoom

May 10, 2023

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

Partners: CPW Drew Vrbenec, CPW Tyson Florsheim, NRCS-Chris Smith, NRCS-Greg Langer, Partner Biologist- Kyle Deschenes

Staff: Marisa Neuzil

Call to order: Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Minutes and Financials: John made a motion to approve the April Minutes, Rebecca seconded. Motion carried.

Rebecca made a motion to approve the April financials, John seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: CPW- Drew and Tyson introduced themselves and discussed their districts. Drew will be working primarily in northern Teller County and Tyson will focus south of Hwy, 24. The board introduced themselves and shared some history as long-time county residents. The officers agreed to return later after getting a season or two under their belts.

NRCS- Chris shared that he had completed a site visit at Oak Grove Ranch on Highpark Road. There is a dried-up spring that the owners would like to attempt to revitalize. They are dealing with an abundance of prairie dogs and are trying to get the pastures rehabilitated so they can get cows back on the land. Chris and Kyle met with the City of Cripple Creek to discuss the feasibility of creating a water feature that can be used by people to fish and water education. This year, so far, there has been one EQIP funded out of the Woodland Park office. There will be more money next year through the Inflation Reduction Act. g

Partner Biologist- Kyle had one project funded that is wildlife focused. This is out near Lake George. This landowner was able to tap into the beginning farmer/rancher fund pool. The board asked Greg Langer how the NRCS gets the information out to landowners about their many programs. He suggested that they visit the website, Farmers.gov. This is a USDA website with information on current programs.

Old Business: The Farmers' Market has dates left for educational demonstrations and would like to see our water trailer in action. Chris said that he would be willing to facilitate that when a date is chosen. The board discussed Envirothon and how we as a district can help grow the program throughout Teller and Park Counties. The board would like Rose to attend the next meeting to give a report on how the program is running and to make sure that we are all on the same page. Marisa will reach out to her.

New Business: N/A

Supervisor Reports:

Laurie: Laurie gave an update on Elain and Dennis regarding their Hartsel homestead. Laurie suggested that we reach out to Mike Madsen about hosting an annual meeting revolving around weather. She updated us about the water trailer. We discussed ways to protect it from the weather when we get it back, be it a tarp or a large shed to store it inside.

Rebecca: Rebecca had to leave.

Wendy: Wendy brought up a failed land use bill that had some real impacts on water use, especially in rural areas. This bill exempted rural areas, but future bills may not. She and Greg attended an open house for the new Cripple Creek Schools building that will house their trade programs. This will include a small hydroponic garden for use in culinary arts program. TPCD will brainstorm ways to partner with the students. We could sell bird and bat houses for them.

John: John had to leave

Greg: Greg reported that the Gold Belt board received a \$200,000 grant for a feasibility study regarding a trail between Cripple Creek and Canon City. This will be a multi-year and multi-stakeholder endeavor.

Action Items: Board members will look over the financial information regarding CDs, Marisa will reach out to Rose and schedule her for a report to the board, Marisa will continue to try and schedule a work session with the BOCC regarding the State requirements for a long-range weed management plan as well as a resolution regarding the weed advisory committee.

Meeting adjourned: 1:20 PM

Executive Session:

NEXT MEETING: June 14, 10:00 AM TPCD

Approve and: _____ by Rebecca Pruitt- Secretary/Treasurer