

Teller-Park Conservation District

800 Research Drive # 160
Woodland Park, CO 80863

January, 2023**Supervisors:** Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider, John Vance: **Rebecca Pruitt-absent, Greg Liverman-absent****Partners:****NRCS:** Chris Smith**Partner Biologist:** Kyle Deschenes**CUSP:** John Geerdes**Staff:** Marisa Neuzil**Call to order:** Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM**Minutes and Financials:** John made a motion to approve the January minutes, Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

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

NRCS- Chris said that 15 projects have been pre-approved. They have more projects that could be approved if more funding is released. There is one high tunnel project and 14 forestry right now. Chris has been conducting snow surveys at the end of each month. The Upper Arkansas Watershed is at 100% right now. They will be taking measurements through April. Chris just spent a week in Salt Lake City for more snow training. He is going to ask the state for an avalanche beacon. Laurie said that the district will buy one if he is turned down. He suggested that some high tunnel projects may be able to be funded through Star Plus. We will discuss with CDA. The district will coordinate with NRCS in order to schedule the LWG meeting. We will try and incorporate CSP into this talk. The board would like Chris to elaborate on the NRCS easement process. Chris discussed the Badger Basin project. He was happy to see the techniques that they are using on the Howard Stone project getting recognition on other projects.

Partner Biologist- Kyle has been working in Chaffee. He has 4 EQIP project pre-approved in Teller County as well as four outside of the district. The results of the RESTORE grant should be released next month. His new title is Wildlife Habitat Biologist.

CUSP: John Geerdes, CUSP executive director, introduced himself. He has been a Teller County resident for over 30 years and is a former ranger at Mueller State Park. He discussed some current and former restoration projects taking place in the Lake George area as well as adjacent watersheds. They are working on a community wildfire plan (CWPP) that will take several years. CUSP is the facilitator for this project. Laurie and Wendy suggested that they add a large landowner or Ag representative on the committee. Chris and Kyle attend these meetings and report back to the board at this time. He spoke about their chipping program as well as their three slash sites in Divide, Fairplay, and Bailey. They do have an Air Curtain Burner, but the insurance is cost-prohibitive at the moment. Marisa will have a meeting with their noxious weed person before the season begins.

DM-see attached.

Old Business: The board created the parameters regarding the first annual TPCD college scholarship. A completed application will be sent to the board by the end of this week for review.

New Business: By-laws and Long-Range Planning were tabled to a later meeting. The board briefly discussed current Colorado legislation that can affect the district. We will monitor these bills through the season. CACD has a bill tracker on their website if more information is needed. We are particularly interested in Equal access to public meetings, CORA, and local weed control.

Supervisor Reports:

Laurie: Laurie said that the water trailer will be ready when the weather warms up.

Rebecca: N/A

Wendy: Wendy brought two tele-vet bills to our attention. CPW has put a camera on their property to see if mountain lions are using their land as a route. Greg will bring in the \$90 that needs to be deposited from 2023 weed program.

John: N/A

Greg: N/A

Action Items: The board will work on bylaws and Long-Range planning; Marisa will send out first draft of scholarship by Friday, February 23, 2024.

Meeting adjourned: 1:51 PM

Executive Session:

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2024, 10:00 AM TPCD

Approve and: _____ by Rebecca Pruitt- Secretary/Treasurer