

Teller-Park Conservation District

800 Research Drive, Suite 160

Woodland Park, CO 80863

Board of Supervisors Meeting

January 11, 2023

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

Partners: Chris Smith - NRCS, Kyle Deschenes - Partner Biologist, Garth Schaefer - CSCB, Greg Langer - NRCS

Staff: Marisa Neuzil

Call to Order

Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

Minutes and Financials

Rebecca made a motion to approve the December minutes, John seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Rebecca made a motion to approve December financials, John seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Chris reported that there are 11 EQIP applications. This is less than previous years but there are many ongoing projects. One forestry project has been funded through the Act Now funding pool. This property is east of Guffey. Cathedral Ridge has reached out to apply for a forestry project in conjunction with Lions Camp just north of Woodland Park. This will abut a private property mitigation project on Lucky Lady Drive and will be a great fire buffer for the north side of town. They are completing grant requests for the Stone Ranch project from HPP, Wild Turkey Foundation, Newmont Mine, and a CPW Wetlands grant.

Greg brought us up to date on staff changes in Canon City. There has been a changeover in partner biologist and small acreage management as well as a new technician. The new CSU small acreage management is Bonface Manano who is originally from Kenya.

Kyle has been busy in Chaffee County with his large forestry projects as well as a wildlife project on the Steve Storrs property. He shared his Big Horn Sheep management plan with

the board and discussed a winter range study of deer and elk with habitat restoration in Lake County. CPW would like to do a trail cam study around Woodland Park to get a moose count in Teller County. CPW has started an elk study with collars to track mortality and movement. More elk were counted in 2021 than in any other year since they started counting in the early 1900s.

Garth introduced himself as our area Colorado State Conservation Board representative. They are currently getting ready for the CSCB board meeting that will take place in conjunction with the CACD board meeting at the Denver Stock Show. Maggie Hannah, of Hannah Ranches in Fountain, CO, is our CSCB board representative. TPCD will reach out to her and invite her to an upcoming board meeting. Garth told us about the \$25 million grant through the soil health STAR program. This money came through the NRCS.

There will be new packets coming out soon for grant requests with the Conservation Innovation Grants. We should look at the STAR program webpage for more information. There is now a rubric for rangeland. CSCB will host a training at their offices in Broomfield March 15-16. They will cover hotel and food. Registration will be up soon. He encouraged the board to read the CSCB newsletter, The Scoop. Marisa will forward the last edition to the board.

District Manager Report

DM: See attached.

Old Business

The board will need to confer with the BOCC regarding getting the Weed Advisory Committee re-established with a resolution. Then they will work with the county administrator to bring the County Long Range Weed Plan into compliance. Marisa will reach out to the county administrator. The board will formally request an amendment to the newly revised Ordinance 21. The district would like to address the composting language as well as the language regarding tilling. We will ask CSU to weigh in as well.

New Business

Laurie discussed revisiting our formal partnerships. We will address gaps and invite representatives of agencies with which we have lost contact. TPCD will reach out to the new director of the Coalition of the Upper South Platte for an upcoming board meeting.

Laurie and Rebecca signed self-nominating forms for the May 2nd election.

There is a conflict for Marisa on February 8th with the UACWMA annual meeting so the board will meet on February 1st instead.

Supervisor Reports

Laurie: Laurie informed the board that the Colorado State Forest Service will not be hosting a tree sale in 2023. The CSU nurseries are in the process of catching up with supply and demand. Things may go back to normal in 2024. People will be directed to private nurseries for the time being. TPCD will not host a tree sale in the off year.

Wendy: N/A

John: N/A

Greg: N/A

Action Items

The TPCD Board and district manager will continue to participate in the Teller Food Alliance Zoom meetings. John is registered for the upcoming UACWMA annual meeting on February 8th. Marisa will invite CUSP to the upcoming meeting. Marisa will reach out to the county manager to get on the agenda for a BOCC meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 1:30 PM

Next Meeting

February 01, 2023 – 10:00 AM TPCD

Approved: _____ by Rebecca Pruitt - Secretary/Treasurer