

Teller-Park Conservation District
800 Research Drive #160
Woodland Park, CO 80863

Board Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2025

Location: Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees

Supervisors:

- Laurie Glauth
- Wendy Dillenschneider
- Rebecca Pruitt
- Greg Liverman

Partners:

- **NRCS:** Chris Smith
- **CSU Extension:** Darian Founds
- **Staff:** Marisa Neuzil, Rachel Post

Call to Order

Laurie Glauth called the meeting to order at **2:00 PM**.

Minutes and Financials

- **Motion:** Rebecca moved to approve the January minutes.
 - **Second:** Wendy seconded.
 - **Outcome:** Motion carried.
- **Financials:** The board **tabled the January financials** until the **March board meeting**.

Partner Reports

NRCS Report:

Chris Smith provided updates on:

- The **USDA discontinuing IRA funding** for projects, while EQIP projects under the Farm Bill remain active.

- **New federal work policies:** All federal employees must work from an office, eliminating work-from-home options.
- **Early retirement options (VERA):** Some employees may qualify.
- Field offices **must refer all IRA contract questions** to the state office. Greg Langer joined to confirm that **waivers for missed deadlines are not currently permitted.**

Partner Biologist Report:

- Kyle reported that contracts for the **Antero Junction Forest Project** have been released for bids, with strong contractor interest. Groundbreaking is expected soon.

CSU Extension Report:

Darian Founds provided updates on:

- **4-H Program:** Enrollment numbers are increasing.
- **Workshops:** Plans for a **forestry workshop** and a **radon awareness class** this spring.
- **Trailer Purchase:** Agreed to postpone purchasing a trailer due to uncertainties with **future office space and grant funding.**

District Manager Report

Marisa Neuzil outlined program impacts due to **funding pauses**, including:

- **Star Plus Program**
- **America the Beautiful Grant**
- **Rachel's Working Lands Climate Corps Program** (funded by AmeriCorps, NACD, and NRCS)

After an **executive session (3:15-3:30 PM)**, Laurie proposed a **resolution to retain Rachel for three additional months** if her program is cut.

- **Motion:** Greg moved that **TPCD commit to funding Rachel's stipend for three months**, with a reevaluation after that period.
 - **Second:** Rebecca seconded.
 - **Outcome:** Motion carried.

Old Business

- **Office Space:** Marisa will begin looking for **rental office space** in case TPCD needs to relocate.

New Business

Annual Officer Elections:

- **President:** Laurie Glauth (Motion: Greg, Second: Rebecca – **Carried**)
- **Vice President:** Wendy Dillenschneider (Motion: Rebecca, Second: Greg – **Carried**)
- **Treasurer/Secretary:** Rebecca Pruitt (Motion: Laurie, Second: Wendy – **Carried**)

Supervisor Reports

- Laurie: N/A
- Rebecca: N/A
- Wendy: N/A
- Greg: N/A

Action Items

Meeting Adjourned

- **Time:** 3:20 PM

Next Meeting

- **Date:** March 12, 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM
- **Location:** Teller Park County Offices #224, Woodland Park, CO 80863

Approved by:

Rebecca Pruitt – **Secretary/Treasurer**