

Teller-Park Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting-Zoom**June 14, 2023****Supervisors:** Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider, Mark Liverman, Rebecca Pruitt**Partners:** NRCS-Chris Smith, NRCS-Greg Langer, Partner Biologist- Kyle Deschenes**Staff:** Marisa Neuzil**Call to order:** Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM**Minutes and Financials:** Greg made a motion to approve the May Minutes, Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

Wendy made a motion to approve the May financials, Greg seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS- Chris informed the board that Howard Stone's wetlands project received a large grant through Fremont County River Sciences, LLC. This will fund three years of monitoring of the meanders that are being put into the stream. Greg brought in the annual Civil Rights MOU for the board to sign.

Partner Biologist- Kyle conducted a site visit out in Bear Trap Ranch and the property was in great shape. He had no recommendations for the landowner. He has started to plan a project on the south side of Lower Twin Rocks Road near the Florissant Fossil Beds. He said that there is a new partner biologist in Walsenburg.

DM-see attached.

Old Business: The board discussed updating the District's CORA requirements to be aligned with the current Colorado fee structure. Wendy made a motion to amend the current fees from \$30/hour to \$33.58/hour. All former guidelines will stand. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried. Marisa will update the district website. This will be in effect as of June 14th, 2023. The water trailer will be primed and ready to pick up soon. A local artist will paint a mural on the trailer as soon as we can get it to her. Chris is hoping to have the trailer for Camp Rocky in July. We have had no interested campers ask about Camp Rocky scholarships this year. We have reached out to Rose B. and have not heard back. Rose is scheduled to attend the board meeting in August and give us an update on Envirothon at that time.

New Business: The board discussed recent disruptions in the roadside weed program. There have been complaints regarding communication and herbicide usage. Marisa and Laurie have been communicating with local HOAs and will soon have a meeting with the Teller County BOCC to make sure this program runs smoothly. We will produce literature for our contractor to hand out and make sure that there is more messaging regarding the obligations of the county regarding weed management. TPCD holds their public monies with Park State Bank and Trust in Woodland Park Colorado. This institution has recently started to offer high interest on their savings accounts. Greg Liverman made a motion to move our money market money to a Park State Bank and Trust savings account and close out the money market account. Rebecca Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marisa Neuzil will bring the proper paperwork to the bank to get this started. Marisa Neuzil, Laurie Glauth, and Rebecca Pruitt will have to sign new signature cards. This motion was passed on the 14th of June 2023. Marisa is working with the CACD and CSCB to find out if we can get new signage through CDOT. We are still waiting to hear back. TPCD is set to receive \$24,000 from the America the Beautiful Grant. We have brainstormed on how to use these funds and one idea is to purchase some large biochar kilns and house them at NETCO. Marisa will contact the fire department and discuss this option. It is a great way to remove woody residue from smaller properties for fire mitigation. Marisa will report back to the board.

Supervisor Reports:

Laurie: Laurie wanted to plan for next spring regarding a scholarship for a local senior who is going into natural resources. The board will look for templates. Laurie has also been contacted by a local girl scout who is building raised garden beds for her Gold Award. Rebecca indicated that she had materials she could use for the project. discussed the possibility of the district sponsoring a 4-H participant by buying an animal or two at the livestock auction. The board backed this idea. Greg made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 on the livestock auction, Rebecca seconded. Motion carried. Rebecca said that she would attend the auction to represent TPCD. Marisa will reach out to Mark Platted for details regarding the purchase and buyback program.

Rebecca: N/A

Wendy: Wendy and Greg attended a dinner put on by the Palmer Land Trust at the PB&J ranch. They also attended and open house at Cripple Creek Schools and brought up the possibility of the district helping sell products made through their woodworking program like bird and bat houses. It may take them a while to get everything up and running. They offered to help with the gardening program.

John: N/A

Greg: Greg mention that Jessica Burton, who has been working with local youth regarding livestock and, is someone to keep in mind for future work with TPCD. Ruthie Granger, Jill Campbell, and Alana Snare are other names to keep in mind.

Action Items: Board members will look over the financial information regarding scholarships. Marisa will confirm with Rose that she will attend the meeting in August. Marisa will continue to reach out to Teller County BOCC regarding the weed program. Marisa will update website. Laurie will facilitate the trailer work.

Meeting adjourned: 1:15 PM

Executive Session:

NEXT MEETING: August 9, 10:00 AM TPCD

Approve and: _____ by Rebecca Pruitt- Secretary/Treasurer