February 2024 Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes - February Teller-Park Conservation District

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

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

Location: In-Person

Attendees:

• Supervisors: Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider, John Vance; Rebecca Pruitt (absent), Greg Liverman (absent)

• Partners: NRCS: Chris Smith

• Partner Biologist: Kyle Deschenes

CUSP: John GeerdesStaff: Marisa Neuzil

Call to Order:

Laurie Glauth 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.

Partner and Staff Reports:

- NRCS: Chris reported that 15 projects have been pre-approved. More projects could be approved if additional funding is released.
- Ongoing projects include one high tunnel and 14 forestry projects.
- Snow surveys are being conducted at the end of each month, with the Upper Arkansas Watershed currently at 100%.
- Chris attended snow training in Salt Lake City and is requesting an avalanche beacon from the state.
- The board plans to discuss the NRCS easement process and coordinate with NRCS for

the LWG meeting.

- Partner Biologist: Kyle reported that he has 4 EQIP projects pre-approved in Teller County, with four more outside the district.
- The results of the RESTORE grant are expected next month.
- His new title is Wildlife Habitat Biologist.
- CUSP: John Geerdes introduced himself as the CUSP Executive Director. He discussed restoration projects in the Lake George area and adjacent watersheds.
- CUSP is working on a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and maintains three slash sites in Divide, Fairplay, and Bailey.
- The board recommended adding a large landowner or agricultural representative to the CWPP committee.

Old Business:

• The board created the parameters for the first annual TPCD college scholarship. The completed application will be reviewed by the end of the week.

New Business:

- By-laws and Long-Range Planning were tabled for a later meeting.
- The board discussed current Colorado legislation that could affect the district, including Equal Access to Public Meetings, CORA, and local weed control.

Supervisor Reports:

- Laurie: The water trailer will be ready when the weather warms up.
- Wendy: Discussed tele-vet bills and CPW's camera monitoring for mountain lions.
- John: No updates.
- Greg: No updates.

Action Items:

• The board will work on bylaws and Long-Range planning.

• Marisa will send out the first draft of the scholarship by February 23, 2024.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.

Next Meeting:

Date: March 13, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Teller-Park Conservation District (TPCD) Offices