

**Teller-Park Conservation District**

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**Board of Supervisors Meeting-Zoom****September 13, 2023****Supervisors:** Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider, Mark Liverman, John, **Rebecca Pruitt (absent)****Partners:****NRCS****Partner Biologist****CSCB- Garth Shaefer****Staff:** Marisa Neuzil**Call to order:** Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:13 AM**Minutes and Financials:** Greg made a motion to approve the August minutes, Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

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

NRCS- Chris reported that this office is handling 17 total EQIP projects. Ten of these projects are new applicants. Chris has helped with the district Stream Trailer restoration and will be transporting the trailer down to Canon City to have some form of signage put on the newly painted trailer. After the trailer is painted, we will refill the polymer sand and get a custom, heavy-duty cover made. We will postpone any educational outreach until this is complete. Chris brought the board up to date regarding the Stone Ranch stream restoration project. The outside contractor was able to procure additional funding for long-term testing and data collection, so the main work will be completed after that grant money comes through.

Partner Biologist- Kyle has signed two adjacent landowners near the Storrs project in Lake George. He is exploring a partnership with CSU utilities to protect critical habitat through the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. Kyle participated in a collaborative forest summit in Chaffee County with 70 attendees. They were able to show off the results of their mitigation projects.

CSCB- Garth, area 3 CSCB representative, brought the board up to speed on Colorado State Conservation Board news. The CSCB board met in Mancos this month and picked the 2024 matching grant awardees. Winners will be notified shortly. There was over \$800,000 in requests for \$450,000 in funding. The margins were slim. This year the DCT funding is set as 75% NRCS, 20% district and 5 % state. Next year, there may be a 100% federal grant funding. Applications can be accepted year-round. There has been a shift in staffing at the state office. Cindy Lehr has been promoted, Nikki Brinson will be moving into her position and will be advertised. Abbey Grey has become the CACD executive director. The Scoop will be sent out soon. The newsletter will have a new Jobs section. The Coffee Hour presentations are going strong. These webinars are recorded and can be found on the CSCB website. Garth said that Supervisor Lists should have been updated and turned in by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Upper Arkansas Watershed Meeting will be held in Pueblo West on September 21<sup>st</sup>. District resolutions and landowner awards will be voted upon and sent to the annual meeting. The upcoming webinar is regarding mining and Conservation Districts. Greg asked for this topic to be added to a future meeting where the board will formulate a resolution on how we should respond to mining applications and amendments when they come to the district.

DM-see attached. Marisa has completed a self-evaluation and sent it to Laurie.

**Old Business:** Business cards were handed out, Marisa will start meeting with potential participants soon, and Marisa relayed that the America Beautiful Grant may not work out this time around.

**New Business:** Greg gave an update on the Water Fluency Course that he is taking. It encompasses all things Colorado water related. The group met in person in Alamosa with a panel and took a trip to the field. Closer to home, Aurora Water is in the process of building a new reservoir in between Spinney and Antero. Water will continue to be an important factor in the future of conservation. Greg will explore the South Platte Water Round Table as well as the Upper Arkansas Round Table to see which would be a better fit for the conservation district. Laurie asked the board members to fill out an evaluation form and return it to her by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Supervisor Reports:**

**Laurie:** Laurie discussed the outcome of the USFS survey of where they will put a sanctioned shooting range. It looks like Turkey Tracks will be that chosen location. Laurie will share the report with the board. Laurie would like Marisa to reach out to the Teller-County 4-H board to inquire about a buyer's certificate that could be framed for our office.

**Rebecca:** N/A

**Wendy:** See Greg

**John:** N/A

**Greg:** Greg and Wendy are signed up for the South Park National Heritage Area workshop on September 16, 2023. The district reimbursed them for the fee of \$90.00.

**Action Items:**

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:07 PM

**Executive Session:**

**NEXT MEETING:** October 11, 10:00 AM TPCD

**Work Session:** September 6, 800 Research Dr. # 224

Approve and: \_\_\_\_\_ by Rebecca Pruitt- Secretary/Treasurer