

Teller-Park Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting-Zoom**April 12, 2023****Supervisors:** Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider, Mark Liverman , John Vance, Rebecca Pruitt.**Partners:** Chris Smith-NRCS, Greg Langer- NRCS, Kyle Deschenes-Partner Biologist, Mariah Hudson- El Paso County Conservation District, Maggie Hanna- Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust, Mark Platten- Teller County CSU Extension.**Staff:** Marisa Neuzil**Call to order:** Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM**Minutes and Financials:** Greg made a motion to approve the February minutes, John seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Rebecca made a motion to approve the February and March financials, John seconded the motion, motion carried.**Staff Reports:** Maggie Hanna led the group through a short presentation of the services of the Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust. She is available for partnering with our landowners who have an interest in conserving their agricultural land in perpetuity. Working lands stay in working hands! Mark Platten of Teller County CSU Extension gave an overview of the newly revitalized Environthon. He will be the new director in rebuilding this statewide program. CACD along with CSCB and NRCS will work with CSU in order to build this program. Woodland Park will send two teams this year. Rose Banzhaf, our volunteer Envirothon coordinator, is helping with this task. Each student who participates in the competition will automatically receive a \$1,000 scholarship to CSU and the winners and second place will receive additional money toward agricultural program majors at CSU. The competition has been moved to the CSU Spur campus in Denver. The winning team will attend Nationals in New Brunswick, Canada. The board will discuss how we can support Rose in this endeavor in addition to the money we have budgeted for the teams' registration, hotels, and travel expenses. Mariah Hudson, El Paso County Conservation District Manager, introduced herself and gave us an update on their programs. Chris Smith, NRCS Soil Conservationist, gave us an update on the Woodland Park office. The NRCS has facilitated some conservation easements in the Shawnee and Como areas of Park County. The office has high tunnel projects approved and has three more site visits with high tunnel requests. There is a cost-cap associated with these projects. The Howard Stone Ranch forestry portion of the project is up and running. They are waiting to hear about additional funding for the wetland part of the project. Twelve acres have been completed on the Sanborn Ranch Project. The 403-fire burned up to the edge of the project. Kyle Deschenes, partner biologist, is working on wildlife and forestry projects on Crystal Peak in Park County.**DM:** See attached.**Old Business:** The meeting was paused at 1:00 PM in order to watch the Forest Service Fire Zoom meeting in the conference room as a group. Old business was tabled to a later date.**New Business:** These topics were tabled to a later meeting; Banking, Grass Seed Policy, Scholarship, Supervisor Training funding, CORA.**Supervisor Reports:****Laurie:** Tabled

Rebecca: Tabled

Wendy: Tabled

John: Tabled

Greg: Tabled

Action Items: The board will think of additional ways to support Rose B. for Envirothon and will formulate some grass cost share guidelines for next year. Marisa will continue with the current guidelines this year.

Meeting adjourned: 12:30

Executive Session:

NEXT MEETING: June 14, 10:00 AM TPCD

Approved: _____ by Rebecca Pruitt- Secretary/Treasurer