

Teller-Park Conservation District

800 Research Drive, Suite 224-CSU Extension
Woodland Park, CO 80863

Board of Supervisors Meeting – Zoom

August 09, 2023

Supervisors: Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider, Mark Liverman, John, Rebecca Pruitt

Partners:

NRCS

Partner Biologist

Rose Banzhaf – Envirothon

Staff: Marisa Neuzil

Call to Order

Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM

Minutes and Financials

Greg made a motion to approve the June minutes, Rebecca seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

Partner Reports

NRCS – N/A

Partner Biologist – N/A

Rose Banzhaf – Envirothon – Rose gave a report to the board regarding the Envirothon team's trip to Nationals after the two teams that represented WPHS won first and second place at the state competition. Teller County CSU extension agent, Mark Platten, was the state-wide coordinator for the new location and look of Envirothon. He was able to ensure that all participants were granted future scholarships to CSU as well as additional grants to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. TPCD sponsors the two Woodland Park teams and looks forward to sponsoring additional teams if Rose can recruit other teams in Teller and Park Counties. They are hoping to have at least 20 teams competing next year state-wide. The coordinator had applied for a Spur grant that did not come through. Rose will have to put together training kits for any new teams. There is training online but the kids prefer hands-on learning. AP Environmental Education curriculum does align with Envirothon themes. The board asked if the Envirothon team members might be leaders for incoming freshmen

and at Camp Rocky so that kids can get ready for Envirothon. Rose is working with the state Envirothon board to promote the program.

District Manager Report

See attached.

Old Business

The old business was the Envirothon discussion.

New Business

The board discussed our relationship with the former CSU extension agent and how integral their programs are to ours. The board will write a letter of support to Kurt Jones, CSU director in Chafee County.

Marisa and Rebecca attended the 4-H livestock sale at the county fairgrounds on August 4, 2023. The district was able to purchase a swine raised and sold by Maxi Thornberry. The remainder of the allotted funds were matched with another buyer so that all participants earned a minimum of \$2,000.00 an animal. Next year, the district will budget for both Park and Teller County sales.

The board defined the mileage reimbursement will be based on the IRS rate and not the Colorado rate. Wendy made a motion to use the IRS rate, Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board made the decision to start working on a strategic plan. The first work session will take place on September 6, 2023, at 800 Research Dr. # 224 in the county conference room. The board will meet at 2:00 PM.

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. Laurie 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 Platten for details regarding the purchase and buyback program.

Rebecca: N/A

Wendy: Wendy updated the board on the current county planning commission director. One of the most pressing issues for rural Teller and Park County will be housing density.

She will continue to monitor state legislation that affects rural issues. TPCD will need to monitor issues that pertain to natural resource concerns.

John: N/A

Greg: Greg postponed his report about the Water Conservancy workshop until the September 13th meeting. He briefly mentioned how Cleve Simpson, (R) Senate District 6, intends to introduce a bill in the next session regarding noxious weed mitigation in waterways. Greg also mentioned rain gardens and biochar.

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

September 13, 10:00 AM TPCD

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

Approve and: _____ by Rebecca Pruitt –
Secretary/Treasurer