



Gunnison Conservation District

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Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2019

Regular Meeting: 7:00 pm

US Forest Service Conference Room, 216 N. Colorado Gunnison, CO 81230

Board Members Present: Jan Coury, President; Rufus Wilderson, Treasurer; John Rozman, Supervisor; Brooke Vasquez, Supervisor; Dan Zadra, Supervisor.

Board Members Absent: Bill Ketterhagen, Vice President

Employees Present: Aleshia Rummel, Sam Liebl

Employees Absent: None

Others Present: None

Call to Order President Jan Coury called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Partner Updates

NRCS:

Aleshia Rummel said she, Sam Liebl and others attended a presentation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's draft Gunnison sage-grouse recovery plan, due to be published in the federal register by the end of the month. Rummel said that recovery numbers are likely to not happen for at least 12 years because of the timeframe for recovery laid out in the plan. Trap and transplant of Gunnison basin birds is an option on the table.

CSU Extension:

Rummel said Nadine Henry, longtime 4-H supporter, had passed away.

Dan Zadra said he would send a card to Eric McPhail and others at the Extension office on behalf of the District board.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the regular meeting of September 17, 2019.

ACTION: Zadra moved to accept the minutes as presented. Coury seconded. Rufus Wilderson, John Rozman and Brooke Vasquez abstained because they were absent on September 17. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the financial statements for September.

Rufus Wilderson requested that financial statements be shared with board members prior to board meetings. He asked that profit and loss statements show target amounts from the annual budget so that board can see where finances are headed.

ACTION: Coury moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Wilderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Seedling Sales:

Coury asked when species inventory lists would be available from the CSFS nursery. Liebl said the lists would be available and orders could be taken beginning in November.

Cheatgrass Cost-share:

It was noted that Greg Peterson would likely be interested in participating in the cost share.

Vasquez suggested that Liebl and Rummel reach out to Brian, Tara and Dale at the BLM and USFS about landowners who might be interested in applying Panoramic.

Rummel said she had emailed the stockgrowers association about the program.

Grants and Contracts Status:

Rummel said a grant application partnership with Colorado Open Lands fell through at the last minute because there were not enough identified landowners with conserved lands that have cheatgrass infestations.

Colorado Open Lands GOCO grant:

Rummel said the District has been approached by COL to partner on a Colorado Youth Corps GOCO grant. COL is writing it and the District is supporting it. The plan would be for one week of manual pulling, one week of herbicide application on green cheatgrass and one week of pre-emergent herbicide application later in the year.

Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Fund grant:

Rummel said that with documentation from Jon Mugglestone at the County Weeds Management Program, the District will soon be ready to submit a reimbursement and final report to the Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Fund.

Liebl asked the board to consider a motion to reimburse him as a contractor for work he did in association with the CDA NWF grant, an amount of \$2,358.00.

ACTION: Rozman moved to approve the CDA NWF reimbursement for Liebl. Vasquez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Virtual fence collaring project:

Rummel said she had been in touch with Sara of Gallagher. Sara said trials in Australia are going well, but they want to test this winter in a warmer place. Sara said she anticipates collaring this summer.

Vasquez said that she thought there would be one radio control tower on Flat Top. She said May would likely be a good time to collar. Curtis Allen would like to collar when vaccinations are done in March.

New Business

Western solar panels project:

Liebl said a WCU group is offering solar panels for agricultural producers.

Rozman said that he and his son and law would be interested, and asked to be put in touch with the WCU students. Wilderson also requested more information. Zadra said there is as much interest in the skills of setting up solar panels as there is interest in acquiring the panels themselves.

2020 Budget:

Liebl said he would send a revised version of the 2020 draft budget later in the week.

Liebl asked that the November board meeting and budget hearing be moved to a different date as he would be out of the country during the third week of the month.

The board agreed to meet on Nov. 13 at 7pm.

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7pm at 216 N. Colorado St.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: These minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of July 16, 2019 were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting of _____.

By: _____
Supervisor, Gunnison Conservation District