

Douglas Creek & White River Conservation Districts
 Joint Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024

A scheduled meeting of the Douglas Creek & White River Conservation District Boards of Supervisors, held at the Chamber of Commerce Business Center in Meeker, 345 Market St, Meeker CO was called to order at 5:17pm

Attendance: Rosaly Coombs (DC President), Chris Collins (WR President), Scott Robertson (DC Vice President), Kathy Nelson (WR Vice President), Ron Reich (DC Sec/Treasurer), Bill Lake (WR Sec/Treasurer), Stu Massey (DC Supervisor), Marc Etchart (WR Supervisor), Callie Hendrickson (Exec Director), Fay Seely (Office Manager), Vanessa Trout (Forestry Coordinator), Tristan McGee (Project Coordinator), Laurel Deitch (NRCS), Lenny Klingsmith (Landowner) Matt Collins (WLA)

Approve Agenda: Rosaly moved to approve the agenda as presented. Scott seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Absent Members: Ron moved to excuse the absentee board members Neil Brennan, Bill Hume and Marc Etchart (Marc arrived later) due to work commitments. Stu seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Scott moved to approve the Douglas Creek March 2024 board meeting minutes. Stu seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Kathy made a motion to approve the White River March 2024 meeting minutes. Bill seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

Stu moved to approve the Douglas Creek February & March financials. Ron seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Bill made a motion to approve the White River March financials, Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Payables: The payables below were presented to the Boards.

Scott made a motion to approve the Douglas Creek payables, Stu seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

DOUGLAS CREEK PAYABLES

WR 1 st Qtr Invoice	INV CM 265	\$1755.82
ColoCPA Exempt from Audit	Inv #24471	\$375.00
YGW Watershed Dues (with approval)	Check never received/reissue	\$100.00
	TOTAL	\$2230.82

Kathy made a motion to approve the White River payables, Bill seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

WHITE RIVER PAYABLES

FBC-Vonage	Office Telephone	\$50.80	\$5.08
FBC-Microsoft	Subscription / Family plan	\$24.00	\$2.40
FBC-HP Instant Ink	Ink for Printer	\$45.78	\$4.58
FBC-USPS	Stamps	\$69.39	
Applegate Group	Preliminary Conceptual Design	\$1,551.25	

Streamline	Website Maintenance	\$80.00	\$8.00
Cimarron	Office Internet	\$50.00	\$5.00
ColoCPA	March Invoice 24467	\$442.50	0
ColoCPA	Monthly Bookkeeping	\$240.00	0
CEBT	Employee Life/Health Ins.	\$846.23	0
Elizabeth Chandler	Coordinator	\$4,300.00	0
Callie Hendrickson	Monthly Cell	\$30.00	\$3.00
Callie Hendrickson	Reimbursement	\$399.32	\$134.00
Tristan McGee	Monthly Cell	\$30.00	0
Fayanna Seely	Monthly Cell	\$30.00	\$3.00
Vanessa Trout	Monthly Cell	\$30.00	
Vanessa Trout	Reimbursement	\$197.91	
Osborn Industries	Range Monitoring	\$5,005.00	
Rio Blanco Herald Times	Advertising contract	\$336.00	\$33.60
	TOTAL	\$8,189.27	\$198.66
			DC Split

New Business:

Matt Collins with Western Landowners Alliance (WLA) presented to the group the agreement between WLA and NRCS for an Resource Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) program to help with wolf conflicts. It is geared toward Carcass Management, Range riders and Fencing/Flaggery. WLA is asking if the Conservation Districts have staff to provide technical assistance in developing the applications for the RCPP. Their funding is limited to \$100,000 to cover the entire western slope for three years. The Boards are supportive of the idea but don't feel they have the capacity currently.

Tristan gave a project CRMP and STAR update. The contractor, Vegetation Management Services, has agreed to return and finish the Oldland project started last fall. But due to BLM standards they cannot start until after July 15. The Collins, and Lopez CRMPs are on track to be completed in 2024 and Twin Buttes CRMP's are on track to get projects done this summer is in progress. There are 7 producers and 8 enrollments currently for our STAR+ program.

Vanessa gave a brief report on the Yellow Jacket timber sale in the White River National Forest. She will be drafting comments on the Southwest Blanco Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project. Vanessa also updated the group that she may have to delay the Ute & Papoos Creek recreation cabins fire mitigation project until next year due to the youth corps being booked up through 2024. She will continue to look for other opportunities to get work done this year. She is coordinating a public meeting for late June with the public and specifically the landowners upriver to inform them of what the forestry projects look like.

Old Business:

Callie highlighted Annual Plan of Work (APW) updates.

- The Big Ditch Projects have been approved for the PIFR
- There are currently approximately 1,000 acres mapped for spraying crickets and more reports coming in

After review, Bill made a motion to approve the NRCS unfunded cooperative agreement for White River Conservation District, Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously. After review, Stu made a motion to approve the

NRCS unfunded cooperative agreement for Douglas Creek Conservation District, Scott seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Chris opened all the bids for the Honda Fourtrax 4wheeler. The highest bid out of a total of 6 was for \$1021.00. It was submitted by Mark Scritchfield. Marc made a motion to accept the high bid from Mark Scritchfield for the Honda Fourtrax 4wheeler, Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Drill Maintenance: Bill has asked for help to get the drill ready for rental. It is scheduled to start going out on the week of the 22nd of April. Chris thinks he knows someone to help. He will follow up and let Fay and Bill know.

After review, Bill made a motion to approve the contract for Elizabeth Chandler, Marc seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

After review, Marc made a motion to approve the contract for Kari Brennan, Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Staff presented the group with the idea of a ditch improvement funding opportunity meeting on May 1st. Phil Brink and Greg Peterson are meeting in Moffat County on April 31st and incorporating the Soil Health program also. Phil would like the districts to pay for half of the meal if we choose to hold the meeting. The board agreed it is a good opportunity for landowners who need help with ditch improvement projects. Staff will coordinate the meeting.

Scott reported he spent some time in DC. He pushed hard on our local issues. Forestry was a big conversation. He also thinks it would be good to try and do a short film of our next natural resources tour to send to legislative people and keep them informed of our projects locally.

Staff Reports: Written reports were presented.

8:12 Marc made a motion to go into Executive Session - pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S, for discussion of a personnel matter.

8:56 Meeting reconvened with no actions

8:57 Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: DC May 7th, 6pm and WR May 9th, 5pm

Respectfully submitted,
Fayanna Seely
Office Manager

Previous Month's Hours and Miles

Board Member:	Hours	Miles	-
Rosalyn	6	108	
Scott	51	4640	-
Ron	8	30	
Stu	3	5	
Chris	29	10	
Kathy	9.25	146	
Bill	8	113	
Marc	15	12	