

Douglas Creek Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024

A regularly rescheduled meeting of the Douglas Creek Conservation District Board of Supervisors, held at the Rio Blanco Conservancy District office Board Room was called to order at 6:21pm

Attendance: Rosaly Coombs (President), Scott Robertson (Vice Pres.), Ron Reich (Sec/Treasurer), Stu Massey (Supervisor), Fay Seely (Office Manager),

Approve Agenda: **Stu moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ron seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.**

Absent Members: **Ron moved to excuse Bill Hume due to work commitments. Stu seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: **Stu moved to approve the December 2023 board meeting minutes. Scott seconded the motion, , motion carried unanimously.**

Financials:

Ron moved to approve the December financials as presented. Stu seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Payables: The below payables were presented to the Board.

Ron made a motion to approve the payables, Rosaly seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Check #	Vendor	Details	Amount	Notes
1538	WRCD	Qtrly Split	\$1548.26	Oct – Dec 2023
1539	Strawberry Creek Ranch	Cricket Reimbursements	\$1666.80	
1540	Powell Ranch (LOPEZ)	Cricket Reimbursements	\$1024.73	Paid to Mike Lopez
1541	Mike Lopez	Cricket Reimbursements	\$312.10	
1542	Cook Ranch	Cricket Reimbursements	\$613.46	
1543	Nine Mile Ranch	Cricket Reimbursements	\$882.02	
		TOTAL	\$6047.37	

Annual Plan of Work (APW) Updates: Staff provided a “meeting background” (Attachment 1) in the board member packets with information regarding APW updates: Long-term sustainable funding; Land Use Plan (LUP); Rangeland; Water; and Wildlife. Staff reviewed the highlights with the Board.

Stu updated the group that Mario had asked him to be on the advisory committee for the upcoming Rangeland classes and curriculum at CNCC.

Rosaly & Scott updated the group on the Bison meeting on January 3rd. **Scott made a motion to approve the Bison comments to be submitted to CPW Commission, Stu seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.**

Scott made a motion to keep the Douglas Creek Conservation District's meeting day, time and location the same. The first Tuesday of each month, 6pm, at the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy Office. Ron seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Stu made a motion for Workman's Comp Exemption, Scott seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Nakayla called in to give an update on deadlines for programs and how they are using the ACT Now system. There has also been some additional help at the HR level that she thinks may shorten the length of time it takes to process new hires somewhat. There will also be a MOA coming from NRCS soon between the Districts and NRCS. It will need reviewed and signed.

President & Board Comments:

- Scott requested the group look at how they can help oil and gas with regulatory issues. There are some wells required to be bladed to bare ground per regulations at the state level, which is not the best management practices. Rosaly would like a better understanding of the specific regulations applying to the situation. It was discussed to try and do some research for the state commission guidelines to see how they apply. Stu also volunteered to go look at some of the gas wells in question with his brother Lanny after things thaw to understand better.
- Scott requested to have the Budd Falen comments on the Natural Asset Companies resent.

Staff Reports: Written reports were presented.

Next meeting: February 13th, 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fayanna Seely
Office Manager

Previous Month's Hours and Miles

Board Member:	Hours	Miles	
Bill Hume	3.5	20	-
Rosaly	3	80	
Scott	12.5	40	-
Ron	3	4	
Stu	3	10	

Task List:

- Budd Falen comments to Scott
- List of last years AM attendance
- Get Stu a Board Member Binder with all information.