

**Colorado Association of Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2022-Marriott CO Springs Tech Center**

Attendees:

*Jim Cecil, CACD President - Republican River Watershed
Tyler Neely, CACD Vice President - Rio Grande River Watershed
Mike Cleary, CACD Secretary/Treasurer - Gunnison Dolores Watershed
Scott Jones, CACD Immediate Past President - Colorado River Watershed
Gary Thrash, CACD Director - San Juan Basin - CO NACD Alternate Representative
George Fosha, CACD Director - Upper Arkansas River Watershed
Charlie Carnahan, CACD Director - Upper South Platte Watershed
Nick Charchalis, CACD Director – North-Platte/White-Yampa River Watershed
Dale Parker, CACD Interim Director - Lower South Platte Watershed
Bob Warner, CACD Alternate Director - CO NACD Representative - NCF Trustee
Brett Moore, CACD Legislative Liaison
Bobbi Ketels, CACD Executive Director*

Guests:

*Cindy Lair, CSCB
Margaret Lenz, CSCB
Jim Berlier, NACD*

Call to Order:

*The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Cecil** at 3:30 after establishing a quorum.*

Prior Meeting Minutes:

President Jim Cecil** asked for a motion to approve the **October 19, 2022**, minutes. **Director Nick Charchalis** moves to approve the October 2022 minutes. **Director Tyler Neely** gives the 2nd. **Motion Passes.

CACD Financials – Monthly Review (does not require an approval):

CACD FINANCIAL SUMMARY: 10-31-2022

*Checking statement Beginning Balance: 177,403.97
Checks and payments cleared: -35,170.56
Deposits and other credits cleared: 6,700.00.
Statement Ending Balance: 148,933.41
Uncleared transactions: 24,195.57
Register balance: 173,128.98.
Credit Card Balance: 224.99*

*Bobbi added that as an **estimate**, the annual meeting will cost approximately \$75,000. At Hotel Elegante the cost was approximately \$65,000. \$30,000 of this cost will be coming from the NRCS agreement. There is a chance that CACD will be in the red for the year.*

Legislative Discussion Brett Moore

Bobbi asked about the Western Stock Show. She said that ticket prices are up this year and she would like a head count of those that plan to attend. Brett said his number will be approximately 25 for legislators.

Last year the Board stayed at the Embassy Suites and had a bus take them to the rodeo grounds. This year there are no sponsors, but Bob, Brett, George, and Scott could possibly help. Bob mentioned that CSU is having their livestock leadership awards at the CSU Spur this year. There might be something there available for dinner. Bobbi

said that most venue prices have increased. Discussion about the Stock Show continued. George suggested that the same agenda with the Cattleman's as last year would be a good idea.

Jim added that he has visited with Margaret Lenz about having another joint meeting with CSCB at the Stock Show. Cindy Lair thinks that the 18th of January would be the best day. The joint meeting with CSCB will be a two-hour meeting over lunch. CACD will invite CSCB to the legislative dinner that will start at 4:30 with a social hour and dinner, buffet style, at 5:00. The joint meeting with CSCB will be a two-hour meeting over lunch. CACD presentations will be that evening at 7:00.

Director George Fosha makes the motion that CACD stay at and have their meetings at the Embassy Suites, with a legislative meet and greet at 4:00 followed by dinner and have a bus take attendees to the Stock Show following dinner with a joint CACD/CSCB meeting at 1:00. **Director Mike Cleary** seconds the motion. **Motion Passes**

CSCB Update - Cindy Lair:

Cindy Lair stated that CSCB is looking forward to the joint board meeting with CACD. Margaret Lenz added that CSCB would like to have the Watersheds operate in a more efficient and proactive way. This would include having the Resolution process function better. CSCB will be holding employee training in March of 2023.

Leadership training for supervisors was also mentioned. Cindy and Margaret would like input from CACD on how this training should be handled. Should it be a full day training in each corner of the State, or should it be a couple of hours at a watershed meeting? Margaret would like this to be a collaborative effort with the two boards. These are items that can be discussed at the joint meeting in January. **Director Nick Charchalis** suggested that CSCB and CACD Board members attend district meetings to get their feedback.

Director Jim Cecil asked if CACD would like to have the training program with the same person doing the leadership program training for 2022. He mentions this to start the thinking process for supervisor training.

NACD Update – Gary Thrash and Bob Warner:

Gary introduced Jim Berlier, the NACD Executive Board Southwest Representative. Jim and Gary discussed the differences between the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts and the Colorado Association. Most notable the absence of a paid lobbyist in New Mexico. Their association lobbies themselves. Gary stated that he would like to see more Colorado CDs paying dues to NACD.

The NACD Annual meeting will be in February in New Orleans, next summer's meeting will be in Bismarck, North Dakota. The Regional meeting will be in Lake Tahoe in September.

The conversation turned to the CREP issues. The Lower Basis States will be facing some of the same issues the Colorado participants are experiencing.

Director Nick Charchalis moves to pay the NACD dues in the amount of \$775.00. **Director Gary Thrash** seconds the motion. **Motion Passes.**

Director Tyler Neely moves to approve travel expenses and registration fee for **Director Gary Thrash** to attend the NACD annual meeting in New Orleans. **Director Charlie Carnahan** seconds the motion. **Motion Passes.**

Board members convene Executive Session at 4:44 PM.
Regular board meeting reconvened at 6pm.

Direct Gary Thrash moved and VP Tyler Neely gave 2nd to appoint Director Dale Parker to the SHAC committee for the CO Soil Health Program. Motion carried.

Director Gary Thrash moved and Director Nick Charchalis gave 2nd to reelect Jim Cecil as CACD President, Tyler Neely as CACD Vice President, and Mike Cleary as CACD Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Immediate Past President Scott Jones will remain on CAWA.

Meeting Adjourned by President at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Ketels
CACD Executive Director