***Colorado Association of Conservation Districts***

 ***Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

**July 8, 2016** at 7:30AM via Teleconference

(712) 432-0180, passcode 810871#

***Attendees:***

Don McBee, CACD President

Anthony Lobato, CACD Vice President

Bob Warner, NACD Board Member

Gary Moyer, Director

Charlie Carnahan, Director

Elaine Kist, Director

Gary Thrash, Director, NACD Alternate Board Member

Mike Cleary, Director

Jim Cecil, Director

Clint Evans, CO NRCS State Conservationist

Brett Moore, CACD Lobbyist

Sharon Pattee, CACD Executive Director

***Absent:***

Brian Starkebaum, Director

Scott Jones, Director

Harold Unwin, CSCB Board President

Cindy Lair, CO State Conservation Board Program Manager

***Call to Order:***

The meeting was called to order by President, Don McBee at 7:32AM after establishing a quorum. McBee called for any additions to the agenda by the Board, and hearing none, moved on with the agenda as presented.

***Prior Meeting Minutes:***

President Don McBee asked for a motion to approve the June 2016 BOD minutes from last month’s meeting. Gary Thrash made the motion to approve the June 2016 minutes and Mike Cleary provided the second. Without any further discussion, the motion to approve the June 2016 BOD minutes passed unanimously.

***NRCS:***

Clint Evans began his report with announcing the NRCS Area 3 Working Partnership meeting that was held on July 6th, in La Junta. The meeting was very well attended and included Cindy Lair (CSCB), Sharon Pattee and Don McBee (CACD), and other conservation partners to NRCS.

Evans reported that Joel Moffat had been hired by the Denver office as a Resource Scientist for CRP and Plant Materials. NRCS is also advertising for 15+ new positions—to include Soil Cons, District Cons, Range Cons, and also some entry level positions. Evans briefly spoke about the current partnership agreements, the DCT program, Easements, and the EQIP program. He also spoke about the possibility of doing an agreement with CACD to provide Districts, District Supervisors, their landowners, and conservation partners a better understanding about NRCS Programs. There was also a mention of some leadership training for Districts and NRCS Field Office staff, for better collaboration and customer service.

***Legislative Update:***

Brett Moore, CACD lobbyist, reported briefly on the bills that were signed by the Governor at the conclusion of the 2016 Legislative Session. He also touched on the political race results around the state. Moore reported on the group of Ballot Initiatives that might make it on the November election ticket, mentioning how important the Raise the Bar movement was to this issue and how influential CO Ag Council can be under these circumstances. Brett said that he would be following the BI issue, until the deadline of August 8, and report back to the Board on August 19, in Loveland.

***CO State Conservation Board Updates:***

Neither Cindy Lair, nor Harold Unwin were available for the July teleconference call. Sharon reported that the CSCB was having their Summer 2016 Board meeting on July 20 – 22, in Yuma, Colorado. She would be attending.

***Administrative Updates:***

The June 2016 financial statements were reviewed by Sharon Pattee, copies of which had been sent to the Board earlier via email. She then asked for any questions with regard to the reports. After some brief discussion, Don McBee asked for a motion to accept the June 30, 2016 financial statements as presented. Jim Cecil made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented, and Charlie Carnahan provided the second. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board. Sharon then reported on the 2016 District dues payments received to date.

Sharon briefly reported on 2016 Camp Rocky, which was getting underway July 10th through the 16th. She also gave an update on the 2016 Annual Meeting planning progress, along with information on the upcoming CACD Board of Directors face-to-face meeting, scheduled for Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19 in Loveland, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. CSCB and NRCS were invited to join the Board on the morning of August 19.

Don McBee asked whether any additional funding had come in from Yuma County Conservation District. Sharon said that during last month’s Board call, Jim Cecil was asked to follow up on that. Again, Jim said that he hadn’t asked about the District about that yet.

***NACD:***

Gary Moyer updated the group on the 2017 NACD Annual Meeting planning process that was underway, as Colorado being the host state for this event, January 28 through February 2. There were several items/events that CO would be responsible for, and that he, Sharon, and Bob Warner attended the NACD site visit on June 14th in Denver. Moyer also reported that NACD was working on their 5 Year Strategic Plan, incorporating the verbiage of “wise use” instead of “protect” in their mission statement. He also reminded the group that the NACD Summer Fly-In was coming up and that he and Bob Warner would be attending the meeting in Minneapolis.

***President’s Updates:***

Don McBee reminded the Board that they would be reviewing the Long Range Planning goals that had been discussed over the past several months on the LRP Committee monthly teleconference calls. He reminded the group that Rusty Collins, from CSU Extension in Denver, would be facilitating the afternoon meeting on the 18th, to include talking about Board responsibilities and expectations.

Don also reported that from the Pond Study, it looks as though the state would be requiring anyone with a pond or water detention area to register them. Also, there was talk of CSU being enlisted to “map” every pond within the state of Colorado, with the state engineer determining whether the pond was legal or not. McBee offered if this would be a good workshop topic for the Conservation Districts around the state.

***Adjournment:***

Don McBee adjourned the July 2016 CACD Board of Directors teleconference meeting at 8:37AM, and said that the CACD Board’s face-to-face meeting would be August 18 and 19, in Loveland, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Sharon would be sending out the meeting details in the next few weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

 *Sharon*

Sharon Pattee

CACD Executive Director