

## **Colorado Association of Conservation Districts**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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

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#### **Attendees:**

Don McBee, CACD President  
Anthony Lobato, CACD Vice President  
Bob Warner, NACD Board Member  
Gary Thrash, Director, NACD Alternate Board Member  
Mike Cleary, Director  
Brian Starkebaum, Director  
Jim Cecil, Director  
Cindy Lair, CO State Conservation Board Program Manager  
Brett Moore, CACD Lobbyist  
Sharon Pattee, CACD Executive Director

#### **Absent:**

Gary Moyer, Director  
Elaine Kist, Director  
Charlie Carnahan, Director  
Scott Jones, Director  
Clint Evans, CO NRCS State Conservationist  
Harold Unwin, CSCB Board President

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Don McBee at 7:39AM after establishing a quorum. McBee called for any additions to the agenda by the Board, and hearing none, moved on with the agenda.

#### **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

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

#### **NRCS:**

Clint Evans was unable to attend the June 2016 teleconference call.

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

Cindy Lair stated that she has been successful in hiring a replacement hired to fill Tammra Straub's position, who will be retiring at the end of June. The new employee will be starting June 20<sup>th</sup> and will strictly deal with the DOA Conservation Services grants and agreements. Cindy is also interviewing for an Administrative Assistant position in the Broomfield office. Jim Currier's position is being restructured and will become more technical in nature, just dealing with the technical salinity issues on the western slope.

Lair also reported the Tier II severance tax monies which provide the Matching Grants funding pool would only amount to about \$70,000. She stated the CSCB most likely would offer several mini grants for workshops, field tours, educational material, etc. for funding in 2017. She still believes that the \$225,000 is in place for the DCT program for the next funding year.

Cindy then reported that the CSCB had scheduled their Summer 2016 Board meeting on July 20 – 22, in Yuma, Colorado. She thought that the Conservation District Direct Assistance funding was being reviewed and would go out most likely in August or September. She also reported that the Commissioner's new Federal Lands position would hopefully be filled by mid-July 2016. There were both in-state applicants and out-of-state applicants that were being interviewed.

***Administrative Updates:***

Sharon Pattee briefly reviewed the financial statements for May 2016 that she had sent to the Board earlier, and then asked for any questions with regard to these reports. After some brief discussion, Don McBee she asked for a motion to accept the May 2016 financial statements as presented. Gary Thrash made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented, and Anthony Lobato provided the second. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board. Sharon then reported on the 2016 District dues payments received to date.

Sharon moved to brief reports on 2016 Camp Rocky, the 2016 CO Envirothon wrap –up teleconference, and a 2016 Annual Meeting update. She also mentioned that the summer CACD Board of Directors face-to-face meeting was most likely going to be Wednesday/Thursday, August 17 and 18, in Loveland at the Embassy Suites. A reporting on the CACD Long Range Planning Committee would be further discussed on the afternoon of August 17. CSCB and NRCS were to be invited to join the Board on the morning of August 18. She also reported that she was working on a CO Conservator issue, but was having trouble getting articles to publish. Consequently, she has had to extend the deadline for articles, by two weeks.

Sharon also mentioned that she would be joining the NACD 2017 Annual Meeting Planning Committee on June 15th, in Denver, to do a site visit and talk about the host state responsibilities, in January 2017. Sharon then spoke briefly about the NACD Summer Fly-In, scheduled for July 14, in Minneapolis. She would not be attending due to Camp Rocky, but Gary Moyer and Bob Warner would be going. There will be no costs incurred for CACD. Also, the NACD Southwest/Pacific Region meeting will be held in the Sacramento, CA area, in mid-September. Sharon and Gary Thrash would attend this regional meeting, in addition to Gary and Bob Warner. NACD will pick up Gary Moyer's expenses to the fall meeting in CA, and Bob Warner said he would pay for his own travel.

***President's Updates:***

Don McBee reviewed how the monthly Long Range Planning Committee's teleconference call s had been progressing thus far. A complete report would be given during the August 2016 BOD face-to-face meeting. Don asked Jim Cecil to report on the Yuma County CD's special funding request by CACD. Jim reported that he hadn't talked to the District yet.

Don asked that the second tier of special funding letter be drafted and reviewed on the next Long Range Planning Committee teleconference call, scheduled for June 27th at 7:30PM.

***Legislative Update:***

Brett Moore, CACD lobbyist, apologized for again not being on time to the teleconference call, and then he reported briefly on the bills left at the conclusion of the 2016 Legislative Session. He stated that J. Paul Brown would be having his South Platte Water Storage bill signing by Governor Hickenlooper on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45AM at the Capitol. Sharon said that she was planning to attend, due to the amount of support that J. Paul Brown has given to CACD and CO's natural resource issues.

Brett then mentioned that Representative Tim Dore was being challenged and encouraged CACD's support of his seat against Kimmi Lewis, in District 64. He then went through the final copy of his Bill Tracking Sheet, giving a few short synopses on the bills that CACD had been in support of, had opposed, or had been monitoring. Brett reminded the Board that on CACD's website, there is a link that will take you to the most current version of CACD's Bill Tracker.

**Adjournment:**

Don McBee adjourned the June 2016 CACD Board of Directors teleconference meeting at 8:44AM and said that the July 2016 BOD teleconference would take place on July 8th, 2016, at 7:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sharon*

Sharon Pattee  
CACD Executive Director

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