



Gunnison Conservation District

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Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting

Held at UGRWCD 210 W Spencer, Ste A, Gunnison, CO 81230, Gunnison

Board Members Present: Dan Zadra, Brooke Vasquez, Jan Coury, John Rozman, Jon Mugglestone, Jesse Kruthaupt, Tommy Rozman

Board Members Absent:

Employees Present: Tonya Carr, Ben Prior

Employees Absent:

Others Present: Bailey Friedman, Marcella Tarantino, Mike Tarantino

Meeting Minutes: Gunnison Conservation District

Call to Order: 3:39

Date: January 21, 2025

Partner Updates:

TU: Progress on CPP2 projects in the Gunnison Basin, focusing on engineering and application phases.

Conservation District Project awarded funding; contracting phases are expected soon.

UPGRWCD- (Bailey): Working Group Meeting March 25

CBLT- Jon Mugglestone:

Expressed gratitude for the district's efficiency and fiscal responsibility.

CSFS- Mike Tarantino:

Pollinator Garden workshop, annual order for pheromones, bark beetle update.

Bird Conservancy- Marcella Tarantino:

Returned from maternity leave; no significant updates were shared.

Approval of Minutes

December 2024, meeting minutes

ACTION: Moved to approve minutes

Moved: Jon

Second: Jesse

Approved: Board unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report:

Presented by Tonya Carr:

Balance sheet and profit-and-loss statements prepared for 2024 year-end and January 2025.

Minor year-end deficit due to timing of insurance payments and accounts receivable.
2024 financial reports and January 2025 financial reports

ACTION: Motion to approve financials:

Moved: Brook Vasquez

Second: Jan Coury

Approved: Board unanimously

Old Business:

DCT Update:

Cheatgrass Treatment:

Significant progress was made in the Signal Peak area; funds were utilized effectively.

DM Updates:

National Wildlife Foundation approved \$151,336 for technical assistance to enhance Gunnison Sage Grouse habitat.

National Fish and Wildlife Grant 2022-2024

The final reimbursement request has been submitted; we are expecting reimbursement soon.

Discussions on coordinating with the local workgroup for project planning.

New Business:

Annual Meeting Planning:

Proposed date: March 13, 2025 (subject to availability of key participants).

The planned agenda includes the keynote speaker Matt Collins and Bill Ketterhagen as Conservationist of the Year.

Possible changes include focusing more on guest speakers and targeted outreach than partner presentations.

Elections:

Open positions: Four board seats, including Bill, Brook Jan, and an open position.

Self-nomination process initiated; advertisements to be published.

Bylaw Amendments:

Discussion on amending the 66% producer/landowner requirement for supervisors.

Acknowledged complexity of the amendment process but will revisit if necessary.

Grant Applications:

Proposal to apply for a CSCB supplemental grant for reseeding treated areas with Gunnison Sage Grouse seed mix.

Budget estimate: \$8,600 with a 20% match.

ACTION: Motion to approve the application for a supplemental grant:

Moved: Dan

Second: Jesse

Approved: Board unanimously

Other Business:

Consider increasing hourly rates for county contracts (currently \$50/hour since 2016).

Coordinate with the new cheatgrass coordinator, Sarah, on upcoming projects.

Action Items:

Finalize agenda, speakers, and location for the annual meeting.

Publish advertisements for board member nominations.

CSCB supplemental grant opportunity, prepare an application for the reseeding project.

Revisit bylaws and consider updates for discussion in the future.

Follow up on increasing county contract rates.

Next Meeting:

Date: February 18 2025

Agenda: Annual meeting preparation, grant updates, and other district updates.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:09