



HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 11th, 2020 4:00-6:00 pm

ZOOM MEETING: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87297196896](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87297196896)

Planting Seeds of Inspiration to Promote Conscious Stewardship of our Natural Resources

NOTICE OF A REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO (CRS 24-6-402) OF THE Colorado GOVERNMENT CODE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The Regular Meeting of the board of supervisors of the HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT will be at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 2020 at the USDA Service Center, 628 West 5th, Cortez, Colorado and the following items of business will be considered and acted upon:

4:03 CALL TO ORDER - Suzanne Aikin, President

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: Judy Garrigues, Lon Varnis, and Steve Miles showed up near the end of the meeting to join the board in thanking Joanne Teetzel for her many years of service, in this, Joanne's last meeting as a board member of HDCD.

Virtually Present by Zoom meeting: Suzanne Aikin, David Temple, Joanne Teetzel, Adam Kackstetter, Greg Vlaming, Joel Lee. Jim Farrier, Joe Ianier, Susan Thomas. **Absent:** Hassan Hourmanesh

Oath of Office for new perspective Board Member Susan Thomas Motion to approve Susan Thomas as HDCD's newest Board Member by Joanne, seconded by Jim – passed. Susan accepted and was sworn in!

APPROVAL OF August AGENDA Motion to accept by David, seconded by Jim - passed

APPROVAL OF July MINUTES Motion to accept by Jim, seconded by David - passed

Review of July's Action Items:

- **Facebook Password to Gretchen:** Gretchen has administrative access to the HDCD Facebook account and so does Steve Miles.
- **Hiring Haley for web-design:** Suzanne presented Haley with an "at will" contract that goes through December 31st 2020. Suzanne took note of our website password and domain info. Haley accepted our offer.

OFFICER REPORTS

- **President** – Suzanne Aikin: Suzanne sent in our 2020 report to DOLA
- **Vice President** – David Temple: David has plans to work with La Plata Conservation district again this year for tree sales, and has plans of getting our orders in earlier this year to avoid running out of desirable stock. David expressed intent to do some early advertising this year and possibly creating a workshop associated with trees in a conservation context. We also want to reach out to Dolores County to see if they want to partner with us as well. Our goal this year is to be organized, coordinated, and early.
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – Hassan Hourmanesh: Hassan could not make this meeting, but Suzanne reports that he is working diligently on our budget.

STAFF REPORTS

- **NRCS – Joel Lee:** The Cortez NRCS office is now in phase 2 of their reopen strategy, which means the office can now accept visitors by appointment. Staff allowed in the office at one-time remains at a max of 50%, and staff have been wiping surfaces and following other Covid-19 related Protocols. He and his team are busy training 9 new employees that have been recently hired and he is still happy with our DCT Cory Schmitt as a self-motivated and great worker!
- **DM – Greg Vlaming:** Greg has submitted a Ballantine Grant application and is waiting to hear back.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants/Funding – ongoing agenda item Status of CACD, CSCB

- **SW Ag Fall Seminar/Annual Meeting:** Motion to Cancel 2020 SW Ag seminar due to Covid-19 by Jim, seconded by David – passed. Suzanne will look into meeting our district requirements by posting our financial information to our new website, and will check with Gretchen about any new rules.
- **DCT application update** – Gretchen submitted the DCT application on time
- **Split Secretary/Treasurer officer duties:** Motion to make Adam Kackstetter HDCCD's Secretary by David, seconded by Jim - passed

NEW BUSINESS

- **2021 budget – Hassan:** Tabled
- **Website Updates and Board Bio's:** Discussion of changes needed to update our new website included adding Hassan, and Susan, and removing Joanne, updating the public on our projects, and updating our hours of operation. If Board members would like to post their bio to the website they are to submit their brief bio to Suzanne so she can get them to Haley.

5:00 ADJOURNED – Suzanne Aikin, President

NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING: TBA

Location: TBA

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 8, 2020

USDA Service Center 4:00-6:00

The High Desert Conservation Board may convene in executive session on any of the above items in accordance with (CRS 24-6-402) Colorado Sunshine Act.