



HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 8th, 2020 4:00-6:00 pm

ZOOM MEETING: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86846473449](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86846473449)

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, September 8th, 2020 at the USDA Service Center, 628 West 5th, Cortez, Colorado and the following items of business will be considered and acted upon:

4:01 CALL TO ORDER - Suzanne Aikin, President

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: none

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

APPROVAL OF September AGENDA Motion to accept by David, seconded by Hassan- passed

APPROVAL OF August MINUTES Motion to accept by David, seconded by Susan - passed

Review of August's Action Items: No action items from last meeting

OFFICER REPORTS

- **President** – Suzanne reminded us that there is a Watershed meeting coming up. She will be out of town for October meeting.
- **Vice President** – David Temple - nothing to report
- **Treasurer** – Hassan made a nice presentation on his proposed budget and asked for feedback
- **Secretary** – Adam Kackstetter - nothing to report

STAFF REPORTS

- **NRCS** – Joel Lee- absent, no report
- **DM** – **Greg Vlaming** Seed drill and manure spreader rentals are picking up. Greg has made a few site visits, but not as many as previous years. Hayley is getting our website together. Greg had a meeting with Steve Miles and Bonnie Loving from the county to see how we can collaborate. Cory received training so he can write carbon Farm planning and do plan maps. Greg has been meeting customers by appointment and will consider offering office hours in the future. The tree list comes out in October for a spring delivery and we will try to get our orders in as soon as we can to try to get the trees we want. Greg will recommend a pricing structure that gets HD CD a little profit (25%) to cover our time and effort. We tried working with other conservation districts last year on our orders, but the collaboration was arduous, and there was no discount incentive. We will run our own Conservation tree program on 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants/Funding – ongoing agenda item Status of CACD, CSCB the \$2500 came in from CACD.

5:00 NEW BUSINESS

- **2021 budget** – Our Draft budget is due in December. Hassan presented his proposed budget to which Greg made a few suggestions. Hassan will research what other districts are doing for their budget and do a side by side comparison in our next meeting.
- **Website Updates and Board Bio's** Bio page looks great! We have a new 3 year plan to replace the old one that is currently posted on the site. There was some discussion about

how important it is for us to post our minutes on our website and it was decided that for reasons of transparency, and board recruitment, we will keep 2 years minimum of minutes posted on our website, and try to post new minutes in batches. Greg will update the binder in the office to ensure our up to date minutes are available for viewing there too.

Agenda item for next month: Organize Google drive and make sure everyone has access to be able to share documents. New Board member orientation binders, Rural SW publication, Introduce ourselves to County Commissioners after election, Fundraiser ideas, Russian Olives eradication.

6:00 ADJOURN – Suzanne Aikin, President

NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING: TBA

Location: TBA

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 13, 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.