



HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 10th, 2020 4:00-6:00 pm

ZOOM MEETING: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84600801415](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84600801415)

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:

4:20 CALL TO ORDER - Suzanne Aiken, President

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: none

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

APPROVAL OF November AGENDA Motion to accept by Hassan, seconded by Susan- passed

APPROVAL OF October MINUTES Motion to accept by Hassan, seconded by Susan- passed

Review of October's Action Items:

- Organize Google drive and make sure everyone has access to be able to share documents. **Tabled** Susan brought up that we could consider who uses the drive most often, (Gretchen) and get their input about how best to organize it.
- Hassan will share with board an online link to a digital version of the CSCB manual. – He did
- Hassan will inquire with CSCB to see what we can learn about Bylaws updates. –CSCB does not wish to publish the analysis or findings of their recent survey of the bylaws of Colorado's Conservation districts, but offered Hassan access to a new bylaws template formed from their study **Action Item** Hassan will look the documents over to see if there is any new considerations to adopt, or change.
- Greg and David met to discuss Tree pricing in 2021. – The new pricing structure has been decided and a new form has been made; and available for all that have inquired. Orders are already coming in. The State Forestry department helped us with some new flyers and Greg will make sure they are posted all over town. Greg mentioned purchasing several 15 second mentions on KSJD for \$7 each, and it will be a good idea to reach our customers. The board agreed and added that the Empire electric publication and the Free Press might be money well spent as well. **Motion** to approve \$200 for Greg to use at his discretion for Tree Sales advertising by Adam, seconded by Hassan- Passed
- **Action Item** Hassan will work with Greg and Gretchen to get us a short list of our best Grant options.
- Look at website for changes that will make it more complete, and help us get our message across: A search of the web finds two websites for HD CD; This can be very confusing to our audience, and could be a detriment to our mission. We don't have the need or resources to update two websites. **Action Item** Greg will work with Haley to see what it will take to remove the old website.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Suzanne Aikin: The San Juan Basin watershed meeting is coming up soon, our attendance is encouraged. Hassan became CACD's treasurer at the last meeting. Their annual meeting is next week and Suzanne gave our proxy to Mancos on this boards behalf. We have \$340 left from of the COVID relief funds Suzanne applied for earlier in 2020. Greg agreed to use the funds to improve his home office conditions and connectivity, and possibly pay the ZOOM bill for the year. **Motion** to approve COVID funds spent on Greg's home office by Adam, seconded by Hassan- Passed. Greg will

inspect the printer in the District shed to see if it can benefit his home office. HDCD is paying for internet at the NRCS office and Greg has been using it only part of the time. COVID funds should be able to be used for HDCD to purchase internet signal for Greg's home office.

- **Vice President** – David Temple - Not present
- **Treasurer** – Hassan Hourmanesh sent out the budget update; which (**Action Item**) will have to be approved at our next meeting (December 8th). Hassan is interested in looking into Grant options for HDCD and will consult with Gretchen about our most promising options and bring them back to our board for further discussion.
- **Secretary** – Adam Kackstetter - No report

STAFF REPORTS

- **NRCS** – Joel Lee: The office went through a quarantine and is still operating safely and incident free. COVID pandemic is a fluid situation and his office has done a great job with adapting while getting good work done. The continuing resolution looms over their certainty in mid December.
- **DM** – Greg Vlaming- The retail side is doing well. The nozzle exchange program has SWCD providing contributions for materials again next cycle, CSCB has money to help, and DWCD has \$5000 to cover operations. Greg has been talking with Bonnie Loving about partnerships for Grant opportunities with HDCD, and MCD; a Deadline exists in December. Bonnie has a county newcomer packet, which will cost \$40 to organize and print, Greg thinks it is a good idea. **Motion** to approve \$40 spent on newcomer packet made by Hassan, seconded by Adam -Passed

OLD BUSINESS

- Grants/Funding –any ideas about where we should apply, and what we want to fund in 2021? – Tabled pending Hassan's findings
- 2021 budget – Hassan addressed this in his report.
- Introduce ourselves to our County Commissioners – Tabled due to COVID-19

NEW BUSINESS

- Rural SW publication – Greg will keep the office stocked with this wonderful publication brought to us by MCD.
- Fundraiser ideas– HDCD would greatly benefit from a signature event to serve our community and raise awareness for the district. Can we re-Invent "Made in Montezuma"? Many expressed excitement for this idea and recognize that there would be a large time commitment, and a lot of work, but would really benefit our County and our partners organizations and businesses. **Action item** Susan will look into our options and see if it an option for HDCD to pick up the M.I,M torch that used to be carried by a different organization.
- How to best use and track Cory's HDCD time (20%) – Greg will talk with Cory about raising awareness for the district among our constituents and ask him to wear our hat when serving in the community. **Action Item** The board could work on our Elevator speech to clearly and concisely explain our complicated relationship with our community.

New Agenda Item: Who has the District electronic mailing list? -Tabled

New agenda Item: Short Survey to better serve our constituents? - Tabled

5:30 **ADJOURN** – Suzanne Aikin, President

NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING: TBA

NEXT MEETING: December 8th, 2020

Location: TBA

by Zoom

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.