



HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 9th, 2021 4:00-6:00 pm

ZOOM MEETING: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87908769869](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87908769869)

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:

4:02 CALL TO ORDER - Suzanne Aiken, President

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: none

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

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES Motion to accept by David, seconded by Joe- **passed**

Review of January's Action Items:

- **Hassan** will send our board his recommended changes to our bylaws for review -**Completed**
- **Suzanne** agreed to help the board stay organized by assignment us each a Colorado Conservation District to contact, to fulfill Alyssa's requests that will prepare us for our retreat. - **Completed**
- **All Board members** should complete assignments detailed by Alyssa in her recent email in preparation for our upcoming retreat. -**Completed**
- **Greg, Suzanne,** and **Gretchen** will work with Hayley to see what it will take to remove the old website.- **Work in progress**
- **Suzanne** will sign the annual Resolution to exclude District Supervisors as Employees for the purposes of Workers Compensation Insurance provisions and submit it to Gretchen. - **Complete**
- **Adam** agreed to forward minutes directly to our website manager Hayley from here on out. -**will do!**
- **David** agreed to look into the Invasive Weed application to see if we could provide a valuable service to our neighbors by partnering with the county weed department. -**work in progress**

REPORTS

- **President** – Suzanne Aikin spoke with a representative of the Dolores chamber guide and volunteered Greg to write an article for them. **Action Item** Greg has agreed and it is due by mid March for a late March printing. Suzanne also signed us up for a listing on the website LoveLocalMontezuma.com
- **Vice President** – David Temple - no report
- **Treasurer** – Hassan Hourmanesh-no report
- **Secretary**– Adam Kackstetter-no report
- **Members at large**- no reports

STAFF REPORTS

- **NRCS** – Joel Lee's team is busy with engineering and new contracts. The snowpack in our county's watersheds are not looking good so far, especially Mancos, which is about of 50 of normal, and more like 70% of normal in the MVI/Summit/full service watershed. The county weed departments RCPP application looks like it is going to go through for Tamarisk and Russian Olive control. Joel may ask for the districts help with outreach, and inventories. There are many details yet to be ironed out for this project. Joel made the district aware of some new changes to the

Clean Water Act that he sees as a potential strict approach and might cause his staff more work. Joel may ask us to help in filing a resolution through CACD to help with what he is concerned will turn out to be an arduous process. Not enough information has been released to know what will happen for sure yet.

- **DM** – Greg Vlaming pointed out that our landscape supplies are dwindling and we need more weed barrier and pins. **Action Item-** Greg will email a list to the board that included profit margins so we can provide input if we have any. Greg will handle the order and try to iron out shipping errors that have caused issues in the past. Sales and rentals should be ramping up soon. Greg will be attending the western Colorado soil conference online this year. He is also in communications with Cindy Lair and Commissioner Greenburg about connecting with the Nature Conservancy. Greg will also be meeting with CSU soon.

OLD BUSINESS

- Grants/Funding - **Tabled**
- Introduce ourselves to our County Commissioners – **Tabled due to COVID-19**
- Fundraiser ideas– HDCCD would greatly benefit from a signature event to serve our community and raise awareness for the district. Can we re-Invent “Made in Montezuma”? **Tabled**
- The board could work on our Elevator speech to clearly and concisely explain our complicated relationship with our community - **Tabled**. There was some discussion of taking a few steps back from our focus on water conservation to further focus on Soil Health. It was decided that we should continue focusing on water as an integral part of conservation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review Bylaws and 2020’s financials. Hassan shared his proposed updates to our bylaws and answered question as they arose. The public has to be notified 2 weeks in advance before we vote to changes our bylaws. **Action Item** Hassan will arrange for public notification and we will vote on Bylaw changes at the next meeting. Hassan also went over January’s financials and shared his new spreadsheet that he uses to track our expenses.
- Board retreat debrief - **Tabled**
- Set a date for Greg’s annual review as District Manager- **Action Item** Suzanne will send out a form to the whole board so we will get a chance to provide input into Greg’s performance, and Greg will get a chance to provide input to us and how we can better support him in his role. Suzanne will set a date after she hears our input.
- Review of Annual dues paid to CACD, NACD, and WIP. Schedule a visit from Elaine Chick? **Action item** Yes, the board would appreciate a visit from WIP’s Elaine Chick and Suzanne will set it up for next meeting if she can. Motion to continue to support the WIP with an annual \$250 membership fee by David, seconded by Susan- **passed** We will wait to hear from Gretchen about an update from NACD before we decide to pay further dues.

6:10 **ADJOURN** – Suzanne Aikin, President

NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING: TBA
Location: TBA

NEXT MEETING: March 9th, 2021
by Zoom 4:00-6:00

The Public was invited to attend this meeting.