



HIGH DESERT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 11th, 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:

4:05 CALL TO ORDER - Suzanne Aiken, President

Virtually Present by Zoom meeting: Suzanne Aikin, David Temple, Hassan Hourmanesh, Adam Kackstetter, Susan Thomas, Joe Lanier, Greg Vlaming, Joel Lee **Absent:** none

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: none

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES Motion to accept by Hassan, seconded by David - **passed**

Review of April's Action Items:

- Joel agreed to look into possible NRCS funding for soil health education and outreach the district can use to help in our Soil Health initiatives.- Tabled
- Ryan Taylor agreed to look into funding for a big name speaker to help with our SW ag seminar and get back to us- Tabled

REPORTS

- **President** – Suzanne Aikin filled us in on our **Landowner survey** - there were a few glitches to getting this out, however Gretchen will do so when she returns from vacation. This survey will serve as our required annual NRCS "workgroup" meeting and is due by July. **CSCB Matching Grant** application for 2022 is due in July. Current grant is funding the nozzle program and Montezuma School to Farm. Suzanne suggests we ad funding for Education & Outreach and Soil Health by means of an epic SW Ag seminar in the Spring of 2022. We want to continue to give to School to Farm and support the nozzle exchange program as well. Gretchen has some ideas how to fund the match.

DCT program request due in August make final decision no later than July meeting.

Agenda item Board Recruitment - All need to be thinking about filling Jim's seat.

Potential Watershed Resolution – a second meeting is scheduled on May 27 to discuss Suzanne's idea for a centralized admin, IT, Social media, website maintenance, grant writing, etc to support all Colorado districts. There is to see where this might go. Suzanne might put something together in the form of a draft resolution to see if this might fly. According to Alyssa, there are districts struggling that would see this as a lifeline.

- **Vice President** – David Temple - No report
- **Treasurer** – Hassan Hourmanesh presented a updated three way agreement between HDCCD, CSCB and NRCS and **Action item** will share it with the board for their review. Hassan also presented our monthly financials.
- **Secretary**– Adam Kackstetter - No report
- **Members at large**- No report

STAFF REPORTS

- **NRCS** – Joel Lee reported that his office is busy obligating contracts until 5/21 then transitioning to CRP because the signup was extended. Joel mentioned there has been a lot of new people moving to the area in numbers he has never seen before and his office has received a lot of inquiries. The NRCS office is now open by appointment only.

- **DM** – Greg Vlaming The House Bills are being help over (in discussion) **Action item** Greg will update inventory and has a meetings planned with Paul Kehmeier (CDA) and Ryan Taylor-State Soil Health

OLD BUSINESS Tabled

- **Greg, Suzanne, and Gretchen** will work with Hayley to see what it will take to remove the old website.
- **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.
- Grants/Funding -
- 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”?
- The board could work on our Elevator speech to clearly and concisely explain our complicated relationship with our community
- Board retreat debrief

NEW BUSINESS

- Requirements for the DM Monthly report- Hassan would like more detailed data for his reporting so he can better provide details about what we have achieved. Greg agreed to consider Hassan’s needs and provide more details
- Discuss where we would like our CSCB matching grant dollars could go. Due by August. - Tabled
- Discussions about our DCT program and what is the best path forward for our community and our employees. (due in August) - Tabled
- Supervisor Certification program - Tabled
- 2021 BLOCKBUSTER SW AG seminar/annual meeting/NRCS work group meeting plans - Tabled

5:15 ADJOURN – Suzanne Aikin, President

5:16 EXECUTIVE SESSION - § 24-6-401 and 24-6-402, C.R.S.

NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING: TBA

NEXT MEETING: June 8th, 2021

Location: TBA

by Zoom

4:00-6:00

The Public was invited to attend this meeting.