

**Delta Conservation District**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2011**

**Supervisors Present**

James Schott – President  
Ralph D'Alessandro – Vice President  
Thelma Starner – Treasurer  
Jim Cazer – Supervisor  
Lawrence Heckenlively – Supervisor  
Susan Raymond – Supervisor  
Mark Shaffer – Supervisor  
Gayle Ware – Supervisor

**Supervisors Absent**

Michael Cleary – Supervisor

**Others Present**

Brian Sorenson – NRCS District Conservationist

**Others Absent**

Kristie Martin – District Manager

**Meeting called to order at 6:15pm**

**Agenda Presented** – Add brief overview of watershed meeting. Jim Cazer moved to accept agenda with addition, Ralph D'Alessandro seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Minutes presented** – Ralph asked to add “cell phone reimbursement” under the Employee sub-committee report. Cell phone stipend on agenda for meeting. Ralph D'Alessandro moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mark Shaffer seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report presented**, discussion followed– Ralph D'Alessandro moved to approve Financial report as presented. Mark Shaffer seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Board Absences** –Michael Cleary notified District Manager that he could not attend this board meeting due to other obligations. Thelma Starner moved that we accept absence. Ralph D'Alessandro seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**NRCS Report** – Brian Sorenson

Three applications for CCPI Soil Health program were processed. NRCS is working on designating the Technical Service provider. The program needs 12 participants to be successful.

**District Employee Reports** reviewed from packet

**Subcommittee Reports**

1. **Education & Outreach** – 2011 Gunnison-Dolores Watershed Tour and Meeting – Ralph presented review. Toured NorthFork Organics-Thomas Kay. County Commissioners had monthly board meeting and did not attend. Senator Swartz had a representative present. Tour was excellent in spite of heavy rainstorm the week prior that washed out Short Ditch. Presentations were excellent. Overall one of the better Watershed meetings. An award and certificate was presented to Thomas Kay for his time and effort. The Gunnison-Dolores Watershed also sent him a thank you note.
2. **Employee** – Cell Phone/ Stipend – District Employees. ACTION: Obtain cost of phone plans and usage by regular employees.

**Old Business**

**Chicken Farm/Letter to Commissioners** – Susan Raymond gave update showing an aerial map printed with waterways and drainages underneath the Powell Mesa proposed chicken site. The Ridley-Stephens Ditch not only carries water to the NW part of Hansen Mesa but the Willow Heights subdivision has a pipeline that originates from a pond in this drainage and supplies irrigation water to the subdivision and some water to the new subdivision. This water commingles with the Duke Ditch water and serves approximately 150 homes. The water from this drainage continues down by the K8 school and on to the fairgrounds where it irrigates part of the fairgrounds. It finally reaches the North Fork of the Gunnison River.

**New Business**

**North Delta Ditch** - Ralph D'Alessandro contacted Dave Kanzer who related that they have an emergency fund for such disasters. Ralph relayed this information to the Ditch Co secretary.

**Selenium Task Force meeting** - BOR and State of Colorado have signed an agreement to work together. \$23,000,000 total funds will be made available; \$5 million for Colorado. Program will be very similar to Salinity Control. Funds come from power plants till 2023. Colorado Fish and Wildlife has identified two endangered fish species.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm**

*Minutes respectively submitted by Susan Raymond, Supervisor*