

Delta Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010

Supervisors Present

Jim Blankenship – Vice President
Thelma Starner – Treasurer
Michael Cleary – Supervisor
Susan Raymond – Supervisor
James Schott – Supervisor
Mark Shaffer – Supervisor

Supervisors Absent

Jim Cazer – President (medical)
Ralph D'Alessandro – Supervisor (excused, out of country)
Eric Jessen – Supervisor (medical)
Gayle Ware – Supervisor (email with regrets received prior to meeting)

Others Present

Kristie Martin – District Employee
John Miller – District Employee
Brian Sorenson – NRCS
Paul VanRyzin – NRCS (Painted Sky)
Jim Currier – CSCB

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm

Board Absences. James Schott moved to approve Board Member absence, Thelma second. **Motion carried.**

Agenda Presented, addition made of Painted Sky following NRCS report: Thelma moved to accept agenda with addition, James Schott seconded. **Motion carried.**

Minutes presented: Thelma Starner moved to approve minutes as presented. Mark Schaffer seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report - Profit and Loss report reviewed. James Schott moved to approve financial statements as presented, Michael Cleary seconded. **Motion carried.** Discussion: Michael Cleary suggested a change to Accrual, set up Account Receivable to reflect Grants approved. Add Income and Expense connection.

ACTION: Michael Cleary to work with Kristie Martin on setting books up to connect Income and Expense accounts.

CSCB Report – Jim Currier

BSP is basically the same as BSPP. There is potential for targeted project funding, Funding Opportunity Assessment (FOA). Funds must be competitive and have ranking criteria. They must be presented to Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for approval. If contracts approved, they would operate the same as BSP contracts. This is available to deal with some of the laterals that are yet to be treated in the district. Each district would have to pursue funds individually. Jim Blankenship suggested looking at the Chipeta Fish Hatchery that has been abandoned as a project. Lateral Projects: Suggestions include putting engineering designs up front.

ACTION: Jim Blankenship to send Jim Currier information about Chipeta Fish Hatchery

ACTION: Board needs to identify two-three target projects such as lateral groups and present

NRCS Report – Brian Sorenson

New EQIP applications have been received under Salinity program. NRCS finishing the Accounting and Management practices reviews. Announcing and re-announcing programs available through media specifically non-salinity programs: Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG), Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

Painted Sky/ RC & D Report – Paul VanRyzin

Soil Health Program in progress in Delta and Shavano District; compaction of soil, yield decline, run-off on clay layer can be defined and try to address through Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) with RC & D, NRCS and Conservation Districts. Need to consider resource concerns in a targeted area. If anyone in board and/or district interested, contact Painted Sky.

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Jim Blankenship called break called at 3:25pm

Jim Blankenship called meeting back to order at 3:37pm

Employee Reports –

- **Ditch Mapping** – report included in packet
- **SCT** – report included in packet. John is willing to do any lay work for discussed projects and help promote programs.
- **District** – Kristie shared highlights of Conservation Leadership Training. Discussed Small Acreage Workshop to be held on December 9. Gave ideas about developing a promotional video set: One on history of Conservation Districts, one on Salinity Program, one of this District and the programs available to landowners. Will begin work on Website update and getting small Acreage Workshop advertised and held.

Subcommittee Reports

1. **Contracts** - Completed questionnaire task. Wants a list of current contracts with EQIP and BSP.
 - a. **ACTION:** Provide contracts list to Committee
2. **Planning** – Questions on Subdivision review: NRCS instructs to look at soil type, impact to Riparian and Wetland Areas, proximity to wildlife areas, consider of larger projects in the area, past EQIP projects. Brian can provide file of previous Subdivision Review.
3. **Policy and Procedures** – No meeting, recommendations. Board Policy to be reviewed for next meeting.
4. **Education and Outreach** – Covered in District report.
5. **Budget** – Need new 2011 budget for next board meeting.
6. **Employee** – none

Old Business

Action List Review and updated

New Business

- Need to consider New Officers for 2011. Jim Cazer will be finished as President.
- District Employee IWM Job Opening – being advertised, accepting applications through Nov 30.
- Quickbooks Upgrade - Michael Cleary moved that Thelma and Kristie consider upgrade and have authorization to purchase if needed. Susan Raymond seconded. **Motion carried.**
- Annual Plan of Work - Kristie to put a Draft together for approval.
- CACD Proxy Form and Resolutions – Thelma Starner moved that board sign a proxy for Kristie to vote in favor of Resolution. Mark Schaffer seconded. **Motion carried.**

Upcoming Events

CACD Annual Conference, November 15-19, 2010

DCD Landowner Input Session – Small Acreage Workshop, December 9, 2010 9:45am-3pm, Hotchkiss Memorial Hall

Meeting adjourned 4:55pm

Minutes respectively submitted by Kristie Martin, District Manager