OLNEY BOONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

200 South 10th Street Rocky Ford, CO 81067

April 10, 2025, was postponed to April 17, 2025 **MINUTES**

Local Work Group Meeting prior to board meeting. Targeted Conservation Proposal

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Joe Pope.

Present: Joe Pope, Garth Perry, Wade Sigler

Excused: Ed Hiza, Taren Mantz

Others: Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann

II. Reading of Minutes

Motion Carried to approve the minutes.

III. Financial Reports

- a. District
- b. Building Account
- c. Association

Motion Carried to file the financial reports for audit.

IV. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended

Login was completed.

V. Unfinished Business

Solar Farm letter to Pueblo County Commissioners

Matching Grant

Taylor left notes concerning the grants. Adair and Ragsdale will be visited with prepictures taken. Ed called about the well driller, who will lower the rate if we can coordinate the projects. He's talked to a geologist who will inspect the land and suggest where it is best to drill at a charge of \$500 per well

VI. New Business

NRCS Realty Specialists: Over payment

NRCS notified us they have been overpaying us for the last 6½ years and would like \$133,256.91 returned. After talking with the reality specialist who sent the notice, Aschermann has contacted John Hickenlooper, Michael Bennett, Jeff Hurd, and Clint Evans to see if they can intercede on our behalf.

Scholarships

<u>Motion Carried</u> to award all three applicants a scholarship: Jedahiah Ballard, Ryan Day, Gracie Osborne.

VII. FYI

At the state level there have been 21 deferred resignations in the first round and 51 in the second round.

EQIP: Pueblo received 2 urban projects and 1 range project. Rocky Ford received 2 (corrected to 3) irrigation and 1 soil health projects.

VIII. Partner Updates

CSCB Annual Report was shared.

IX. Next Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 2025

Submitted by,

Garth Perry