

**EAST OTERO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
200 South 10th Street
Rocky Ford, CO 81067**

**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
August 7, 2023
M I N U T E S**

- I. Call meeting to order**
The meeting was called to order by Ken Maier at 7:05 pm.
Present: Ken Maier, Chris Tomky, Eric Hanagan, Ross Nielsen
Excused: Dennis Caldwell
Others Present: Nancy Aschermann, Lana Pearson
- II. Reading of Minutes**
Minutes were postponed to next meeting.
- III. Financial Report**
A. District
B. Building Account
C. Association
Motion carried to file the financial reports for audit.
- IV. Pay Bill**
DM/DCT – \$573.63 July
\$744.25 June
Motion carried to pay the bills.
- V. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended**
Login was completed.
- VI. Unfinished Business**
Matching Grant 2023
All but approximately \$1500 of the \$25,000 is completed and paid. The \$15,000 EOCD added to the grant is still in process.
Soil Health
The contract with the state has been signed electronically.
CSCB sent a table delineating the payments for the next four years.
Web Page
Aschermann showed the web page which is a work in progress. Should go live in October.
- VII. New Business**
Jessica Hiebert is now working for FSA. We are advertising.
Motion carried to raise the pay for this position to \$18.00 per hour.

Quonsit Hut Rental – hail damage, new garage doors

Gerald Miller – Buy?

By consensus we will repair the Quonsit Hut.

Aschermann will contact Black Hills Energy.

Hanagan will see that the garage doors function properly or replace if needed.

Tomky will see that the sky lights are repaired or replaced.

Building Security

Signage, Lighting

Motion Carried to install motion sensor lighting in the back parking area.

Cooperator of the Year

Motion Carried to name Dennis Caldwell as Cooperator of the Year.

VIII. Partner Update

Region 12 (Rocky Ford and Pueblo) now has 25 EQIP contracts for a total of \$4.7 million. Rocky Ford has 18 contracts for \$2.9 million and Pueblo has 7 contracts for \$1.6 million.

CRP grasslands shows 21 contracts in Otero/Crowley Counties and 22 contracts in Pueblo County.

A new engineer has been hired in the Pueblo office.

IX. FYI

Lower Arkansas Watershed Association, September 29th 12:00 noon

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023

Submitted by,

Ross Nielsen