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

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting August 5, 2024 MINUTES

I. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Maier at 7:01 pm.

Present: Ken Maier, Chris Tomky, Ross Neilsen, Dannis Caldwell by phone.

Others Present: Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann, Jill Taylor

II. Reading of Minutes

Motion Carried to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Financial Report

- A. District
- **B.** Building Account
- C. Association

Motion Carried to file the financial reports for audit.

IV. Pay Bill

DM/DCT – June \$641.69

July \$507.23

Motion Carried to pay the bills.

V. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended

Login was completed.

VI. Unfinished Business

Matching Grant 2024

Taylor reported that five projects are completed. Ed King is in progress; Hirakata Farms is a fall project.

Soil Health:

All Data Loggers are installed and working. It's a cross your fingers operation at this point.

VII. New Business

Conservationist of the Year

Motion Carried to nominate Wes Herman as Conservationist of the Year.

Board Member

Names suggested for board member are Glen Hirakata, Wes Herman, KC Hansen. Ken Maier said he would speak to Glen.

Air Conditioner Bid

Norton's HVAC bid for a new unit was \$4693.27. He suggested we replace all three units. Board requested a second bid.

Weather Strip on doors needs to be replaced.

VIII. Partner Updates

Two partner biologist will join the staff in late August: Aaron Lewis, at 25 NCRS/75 Bird Conservancy, and Emilie Califf, at 75 NRCS/25 Bird Conservancy.

Dominik Becerra will start as Program Support Specialist (front desk) on August 25th. Rocky Ford received 5 EQIP contracts at \$231,000 and 14,000 acres. There are 8 CSP in RF and 2 in Pueblo.

CRP rules now allow grazing for mid-term management between October 1st and March 15th.

IX. FYI

Watershed Meeting, Friday, September 13, 2024, 12:00, CSU Extension SE Colorado Regional FFA Range Judging and Plant ID, September 25 at Valley Trading Post Events Center

Motion Carried to donate to FFA Range Judging at the same amount as last year.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjuoured at 7:37 pm.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024

Submitted by,

Ross Neilson