

**EAST OTERO CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**200 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Rocky Ford, CO 81067**

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**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting**  
**December 1, 2025**  
**M I N U T E S**

**I. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order by president Caldwell at 7:05 pm.  
Present: Dennis Caldwell, Ken Maier, Kyle Hirakata, Ross Nielsen  
Excused: Chris Tomky  
Others: Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann, Jill Taylor, Michaela Mattes

**II. Reading of Minutes**

Motion Carried to approve the minutes as presented.

**III. Financial Report**

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

**Renewed CDs at 3.4% for 11 months.**

Motion Carried to file the financial reports for audit.

**IV. Pay Bill**

DM/DCT – **October \$993.26 no grant money**  
**November 1 – 14 -- \$165 Jill only**  
**November \$535.53**

Motion Carried to pay the bills.

**V. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended**

Log In was completed.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**Matching Grant 2025 final report**

The report was passed around for all to see.

**Notificationn of 2026 Matching Grant**

**Headgate Matching Grant ??**

**VII. New Business**

**NRCS Realestate Specialists – no news**

**Master Irrigator Request for Donation – Kristi Bartolo**

Motion Carried to donate \$2000 the Master Irrigator Program.

Irrigation Study

Board discussed the Irrigation Study that Tammy Ridennour is pursuing. Board was concerned that the results could work against us. We're wainting for more information.

**Salary Increase**

Motion Carried to give all employees a 5% raise.

**Motion Carried** to give Jill Taylor a \$500 bonus.

**Long Range Plan**

**Motion Carried** to approve the Long Range Plan for 2026-2028.

**Budget 2026**

**Motion Carried** to approve the Budget Message, the Letter of Transmittal, the Resolution to Adopt Budget, and the Resolution to Appropriation Sums of Money.

**Annual Meeting Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Bill Gray – Everyone signed a card for the Tomky family.

**VIII. Partner Updates**

Pearson is glad we're back at work after the shutdown.

NRCS has one date, January 15, to sign up for all programs.

Pearson would like to be relieved of managing the Las Animas office.

Matthes reported on the 2026 Pesticide Continued Education Workshops, which lead to further discussion about getting Pesticide licenses.

**IX. FYI**

**X. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

**XI. Next Meeting:      Monday, January 5, 2025**