

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

**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 Ridenour is pursuing. Board was concerned that the results could work against us. We're waiting 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 Appropriate Sums of Money.

Annual Meeting Monday, January 26th

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.

Mattes 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