

# OLNEY BOONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

200 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rocky Ford, CO 81067

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February 13, 2024

## MINUTES

### I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Hiza at 2:05 pm.

Present: Ed Hiza, Joe Pope, Taren Mantz, Wade Sigler

Excused: Garth Perry

Others: Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann, Jill Taylor

### II. Reading of Minutes

Motion Carried to approve the minutes as presented.

### III. Financial Reports

#### a. District

Motion Carried to file the financial reports for audit.

#### b. Building Account

#### c. Association

#### d. Audit 2024 Records

Board reviewed the financial records for 2024.

#### e. Exemption from Audit

Motion Carried: Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Olney Boone Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit of Olney Boone Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2024, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the Olney Boone Conservation District.

#### f. Building Fund and Olney Boone have same EIN number at the bank

#### g. Permission to send time sensitive checks with one signature

Motion Carried to give the District Manager permission to send time sensitive checks with one signature.

### IV. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended

Login was completed.

### V. Unfinished Business

#### Solar Farm letter to Pueblo County Commissioners

By consensus, Taren Mantz will arrange for Wade Sigler and Joe Pope to speak at a county commissions meeting advocating for thoughtful installation of solar panels.

#### Matching Grant 2025

We only have one problematic application, and several applications have been taken but not returned.

#### Supplemental Matching Grant

The state is offering a Supplemental grant. OBCD is not applying since the 2025 grant is not generating interest.

**VI. New Business**

**Resolution designating meeting location**

**Motion Carried:** Whereas, it is necessary to designate a location for regular meeting of the Olney Boone Conservation District; Now, Therefore, be it resolved that all regular meeting of the Olney Boone Conservation District shall be held at 200 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm.

**Resolution designating posting of meetings**

**Motion Carried:** Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Olney Boone Conservation District the front bulletin board shall constitute the designated public place for the posting of meeting notices as required by the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

**Workman's Compensation Exemption**

Filed on line, board duly notified.

**Election Resolution**

**Motion Carried:** Therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Olney Boone Conservation District in the County of Otero, State of Colorado that the regular election of the District shall be held on May 5, 2025, at which time two supervisors will be elected.

**Election Resolution appointing DEO**

**Motion Carried:** Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Olney Boone Conservation District, Otero County, Colorado that: the Board hereby names Nancy Aschermann as the DEO for the regular special district election scheduled for the fifth day of May 2025, with the powers assigned to DEO.

**Colorado Open Records Act**

Policy is in place.

**Review bylaws**

District Manager reviewed the Bylaws and found no issues.

**Annual Report**

Annual Report was efiled.

**Range Cages – Chuck Hanagan**

OBCD is interested in range cages. Taren will contact Chuck Hanagan.

**VII. FYI**

**Watershed Meeting: February 28<sup>th</sup> at CSU Extension @ noon**

**VIII. Partner Updates**

Due to Presidential order, IRA Funds are frozen. One employee at both Pueblo and Rocky Ford office have taken the deferred retirement. Others are nervous. CRP has only 1 grazing season now, October 15 to March 15.

**IX. Next Meeting – March 13, 2024**

**X. Meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.**