

OLNEY BOONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

200 South 10th Street
Rocky Ford, CO 81067

February 9, 2023

MINUTES

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Hiza at 2:07 pm.

Present: Ed Hiza, Taren Mantz, Wade Sigler

Excused: Joe Pope, Garth Perry

Others Present: Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann, Jessica Hiebert, Megan Colletti, Dara Belew

II. Reading of Minutes

Motion Carried to Approve the minutes as presented.

III. Financial Reports

A. District

B. Building Account

C. Association

Motion Carried to file the financial reports for audit.

D. Audit Books

The board looked over the Profit and Loss statements and bank statements for 2022.

E. Exemption from Audit

Motion Carried that it be resolved by the board of supervisors of the Olney Boone Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for the Olney Boone Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2022, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the board of supervisors of the Olney Boone Conservation District; that those members of the Olney Boone Conservation District have signified their approval by signing the resolution; and that this resolution shall be attached to , and shall become a part of the application for exemption from audit of the Olney Boone Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

IV. Bills

DM/DCT – \$611.19

Motion Carried to pay the bills.

V. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended

Funding Sources for Canals and PL 566s

VI. Unfinished Business

Signage for OBCD

Matching Grant

Post Cards have been sent. $48 + 7 = 55$

After reviewing the list of producers who received postcards, a few more names were added to the list.

Do you want to run an ad on KBLJ

By consensus, there will be no ad run on the radio station.

Hiebert reviewed the current applications. Board agreed that repairing a well was not something we would fund.

VII. New Business

Megan Colletti, FSA

Colletti updated the board on current CRP information. Sign up will be soon.

Pueblo County has 1318.6 acres available; they have 23.8% of county covered.

Crowley County has 337.6 acres available; they have 24.5% of county covered.

Otero County has 17886 acres available; they have 2.7% of county covered.

During the discussion, the need for more Forage Production Cages was discussed.

Motion Carried to investigate placing OBCD forage cages in the district starting in April.

CD Rates Both CD have been renewed at 3.01% for \$13,558.20 ea.

Building Fund bought CD's at these amounts \$50,000; \$50,000; \$30,000, \$10,000, \$10,000 for 3.01%

Elections

Self-nomination forms were signed by Ed and Taren.

STAR Plus (Soil Health)

District could apply to participate. Interest was mild.

Local Work Group Meetings

Heads up that we must hold a Local Work Group Meeting sometime this spring.

VIII. FYI -- District Operation Training March 15-16, 2023

IX. Partner Updates

It is EQIP season in the office with 50 applications in Pueblo and 95 in Rocky Ford.

Hoping the Inflation Reduction Act will provide more funds for EQIP in this Region.

Office plans to hire an engineer for Rocky Ford.

X. Other

Mantz reported on her discussions concerning Solar farms in the area.

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm

XII. Next Meeting – March 9, 2022

Submitted by,

Garth Perry