

# OLNEY BOONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

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March 13, 2025

## MINUTES

### I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Hiza at 1:58 pm.

Present: Ed Hiza, Taren Mantz, Garth Perry, Wade Sigler

Excused: Joe Pope

Others: Pete Aragon, Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann, Jill Taylor

### II. Reading of Minutes

**Motion Carried** to approve the minutes as written.

### III. Financial Reports

#### a. District

#### b. Building Account

#### c. Association

**Motion Carried** to approve the financial reports for audit.

### IV. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended

Login was completed.

### V. Unfinished Business

#### Solar Farm letter to Pueblo County Commissioners

#### Matching Grant

**Motion Carried** to approve the flowing Matching Grant applications: Wittman, Hiza, White, Ragsdale, Osborn, Aragon, Watson

### VI. New Business

#### Range Cages – Chuck Hanagan

#### LAWA – Taren Mantz, Ed Hiza

Mantz reported on the meeting: 1) Speaker on Succession Planning was good; 2) motion passed to require only one meeting a year.

#### Government Shutdown

**Motion Carried** to pay back pay to DCT in case of a government shutdown.

#### Election

**Motion Carried**: Therefore the Board hereby cancels the regular election to be conducted on the sixth day of May, 2025 by formal resolution and the board declares the following candidates elected for the following terms of office: Joe Pope 4 years, Wade Sigler 4 years.

#### Building Lease

The government real estate agent contacted us because our contract ends in 2025. That raises concerns in this era of government cuts.

**Local Work Group**

We need to complete our Local Work Group meeting by May 16<sup>th</sup> and Targeted Conservation Programs are tied to this.

**Supplemental Matching Grant**

The Supplemental Matching Grant that EOCD and WOTCD applied for were denied.

**VII. FYI****VIII. Partner Updates**

NRCS has lost 58 employees through the buy outs and probationary employee RIFs. The state is not funding irrigation projects, so our area is hurt.

RCPP is a possible source of funds. Folks from Farmers Conservation Alliance and Colorado Ag Water Alliance may help us write the grant.

**IX. Meeting Adjourned at 3:28 pm.****X. Next Meeting – April 10, 2024**