

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

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
May 5, 2025
MINUTES

I. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by President Caldwell at 7:00 pm.

Present: Dennis Caldwell, Ken Maier, Chris Tomky, Ross Nielsen

Others: Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann, Jill Taylor, Kyle Hirakata

II. Reading of Minutes

Motion Carried to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Financial Report

A. District

B. Building Account

C. Association

Each district needs to transfer \$1500 in to the Association account.

Motion Carried to file the financial report for audit.

Motion Carried to transfer \$1500 to the COCACD account.

IV. Pay Bill

DM/DCT – \$778.43

Ag In the Classroom: last year you donated \$150.00

Motion Carried to pay the bills and to donate \$150 to Ag in the Classroom.

V. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended

Login was completed.

VI. Unfinished Business

Motion Carried to appoint Kyle Hirakata to the EOCD Board.

Matching Grant 2025

Taylor reported that three producers have completed their project and have been paid.

Glen Hirakata completed his project from 2024 and was paid.

Soil Health: Cancelled

Do to Trump budget cuts, the Soil Health project has been cancelled. Producers can be paid for any allowable expenses through April 16. Jill is scrambling to get everyone's invoices and expenses.

VII. New Business

NRCS Realty Specialists: Over payment

Do we need an attorney?

By consensus, the board agreed to 'wait and see' and not hire an attorney. The expectation is we will be repaying all or most of the \$133,256.91.

**LWG Report
TCP application**

Motion Carried to Approve both the Local Work Group Report and the Targeted Conservation Proposal.

VIII. Partner Updates

Pueblo received 3 EQIP grants out of 64 applications and Rocky Ford received 4 out of 93 applications.

Rocky Ford lost 3 (4 including Katie) employees in the Differed Resignation Program and Pueblo lost 3 employees.

IX. FYI

Election day is May 6th. Oath of office will be taken next month.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, June 2, 2025

Submitted by,

Ross Nielsen