

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

**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
September 8, 2025
M I N U T E S**

I. Call meeting to order

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

Present: Dennis Caldwell, Ken Maier, Ross Nielsen

Excused: Chris Tomky, Kyle Hirakata

Others: Lana Pearson, Nancy Aschermann, Jill Taylor

II. Reading of Minutes

Motion carried to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Financial Report

A. District

B. Building Account

C. Association

Motion Carried to file the financial reports for audit.

IV. Pay Bill

DM/DCT – **June** **\$725.70**
 July **\$531.17**
 August **\$677.88**

Dues	CACD	\$1400
	NACD	\$ 101
	LAWA	\$ 50

Regional FFA Range Judging \$100 ??

Motion Carried to pay the bills, pay our dues, and donate to the Range Judging as listed.

V. Mileage Report/Meetings Attended

Login was completed.

VI. Unfinished Business

Matching Grant 2025

Two producers need to either finish up or turn in their bills. Then we will be completed.

VII. New Business

Direct Assistance -- \$6854.40 + \$2000.00 = \$8854.40

NRCS Realty Specialists – no news

Long Range Plan

The group reviewed the long range plan with minor revisions. The report will be brought to the December meeting for final approval.

VIII. Partner Updates

- Since Bent County has no NRCS employees, Randa York and Lana Pearson are helping to cover the office. Bent County CD is holding a Coffee Hour at Dairy Queen to meet with producers who have an interest. They will also hold one in McClave.
- State wide NRCS can have 2019 employee level staffing which is 179. They opened up in-house for folks to transfer in to Colorado resulting in a net gain of one. They will advertise publicly in October.
- CRP Grasslands has new contracts; 4 in Pueblo County, 7 in Crowley County/Otero County, and 4 in Bent County.
- The last two weeks of September, the office is preparing for the end of the physical year.

IX. FYI

Lower Arkansas Watershed Association Meeting

Friday, September 12th @ 12:30 @ CSU Extension

Ross Nielsen and Dennis Caldwell will attend.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, October 6, 2025

Submitted by,

Ross Nielsen