

MINUTES

Branson - Trinchera
Conservation District

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

PLACE: Zoom

TIME: 6:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Dale Yocam.

I. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Call meeting to order and roll call of attendance:

- Dale Yocam, President—*present*
- Dick Loudon, Vice President—*absent*
- Harold Unwin, Secretary/Treasurer—*present*
- Lori Green, Member—*arrived at 6:23pm, present*
- Will Ward, Member—*present*

B. Introduction of Guests: Garth Schaefer from CSCB and Lori Chatterley, District Manager, were present.

C. Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2026 Motion to approve minutes by Harold Unwin. Second: Will Ward. Motion carried 3-0.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Income: \$146.07 Mill Levy
- Bills: \$150 to Ron Waite for the Stock Show
- Current Balance: \$41,963.97 Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Will Ward. Second: Harold Unwin. Motion carried 3-0.

E. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands Land Management Plan participation as a Cooperating Agency offer: Harold gave a report about what has been going on with a future meeting date in La Junta. They have a 10 page survey going out due March 11. The 1984 plan is online for reference. There was some discussion of prairie dog control, virtual fencing, grazing, etc. Lori C. reported the District had been asked to join the process as a Cooperating Agency. It was agreed that Harold would be the official representative. Lori C. will find the info for the next meeting and send it to the board. *No action was taken.*
2. AgFest Donation request letter: The donation request was presented. The District has donated in the past. The Trinidad date for 5th graders is April 30. *Harold Unwin made a motion to donate \$500 to AgFest. Second: Will Ward. Motion carried 3-0.*
3. Camp Rocky letter: new hub at camprocky.org/districts to help recruiting & info.: A letter from Camp Rocky was presented as information. *No action was taken.*

F. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cost share advertisements were put in the WJ, online, and via email: Information was presented on where cost share ads were placed. *No action was taken.*

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2026-02 Adopting the Colorado Retention Manual: (*Lori Green joined the meeting during this item.*) In order to be able to start a records destruction process, the District needs to adopt this retention manual. There are a lot of records we keep

permanently, but some can be destroyed after a certain amount of time. *Motion to adopt the resolution by Will Ward. Second: Harold Unwin. Motion carried 4-0*

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Youth Day: Harold is following up on the date. Probably April 23, 24, or 28. *No action was taken.*
 2. 2026 Annual Meeting date/topic: The board discussed Sammie's local work group letter deadline which is July 10. The board discussed holding the Annual Meeting at noon on Monday, June 8 as long as a speaker is available. Garth was asked to be the moderator. They would like to invite Ramon from FSA also. Topics discussed were slides from someone using the shade balls, cow dog training, or power pellets. Catering may be done by the Store. *No action was taken.*
 3. Exemption from audit: Lori C. sent required documents to Century Financial. Harold is working on the Quickbooks. *No action was taken.*
 4. Resolution about CRP 3 year grazing term: No work has been done on this yet. *No action was taken.*
- I. **OTHER BUSINESS**: Nothing from the Board. Garth gave a report that CACD are hosting CD Day at the Capital on May 6. Also the CSCB DCT and MG applications will be 1 month earlier this year. CSCB also has a \$20k natural disaster fund they are setting up. Mountain View CD is a new district formed from 3 others. It was also noted that the CSCB Executive officers are all women for the first time in history. Harold asked about the cage monitoring report. Lori C. will find it from the December meeting and send it digitally. Also Lori C. was asked to let the board know when a DCT is hired. *No action was taken.*
- J. **NRCS REPORT**—Sammie's report was in the packet, but he was unable to attend.
- K. **DISTRICT TECH. REPORT**—none
- L. **NEXT MEETING** March 18, 2026 @ 6pm in Kim, CO (Senior Center)
- M. **ADJOURNMENT** @ 6:47pm

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COMING BEFORE THE BOARD**