Branson-Trinchera Conservation District Board Meeting
MINUTES
Date: July 7, 2025
Place: Kim, CO
Time: 5:00 PM

Business Meeting

A. Call to order and roll call @ 5:01pm
- Dale Yocam—present
- *Vacant (due to no election)*
- Harold Unwin—present
- *Vacant (due to no election)*
- Will Ward—present

Also present were Sammie Molinaro (NRCS), Keith Mantelli (District Tech), Lori Chatterley (District Manager) and Garth Schaefer (CSCB).

B. Approval of Minutes of prior meeting (Action Item)
Minutes from the March 11, 2025 board meeting in Kim, Colorado were presented. Motion by Harold Unwin and second by Will Ward to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3-0

C. Treasurer's Report (Action Item)
1. Income Mill Levy
2. Bills

Harold Unwin presented the financial report. Checking balance was $42,248 with about $6,000 in mill levy income and 2 bills paid and purchase of 4 coils of stamps (3 coils to SPPRCD). Lori C. reported that SPPRCD is using a 3rd party bookkeeper at present, so Harold said they'd keep the mill levy checks coming to him to deposit. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Harold Unwin. Second by Will Ward. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Incoming Correspondence
Some thank you notes were passed around from school kids and from a scholarship and Holly Ward's Italy Trip.

E. New Business
1. 4-H Fair Contribution (Action Item)
Discussion of how to divide up fair contribution money. It was decided to donate $500 to each buyer's pool (Kim & Branson) for a total of $1000. Motion by Will Ward. Second by Harold Unwin. Motion passed 3-0.
2. Memorial (Action Item)
Discussion on of a memorial contribution for two former board members—John Dougherty served ~40 years and Jim Davis served ~10 years. It was decided to donate $100 each for a memorial. Motion by Harold Unwin. Second by Will Ward. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Approve Matching Grant Application (Action Item)

-Lori C. is working on the MG application for 2026 and will print a copy of the submission after it is finished for next meeting. It was noted there was no CSCB MG award in 2024; B-TCD did their own cost share of ~$25,000 that year because of no award—used extra Mill Levy monies. Discussed some housekeeping items: Asked Lori to find an email list of contacts, may be in shared drive. Also, discussion of a potential MOU between B-TCD and SP-PRCD for the District Manager. As far as elections, Will was appointed in March. Dean resigned in February. Board to sign official appt. form and Will to sign his oath of office today. No one ran for office this year. Need a notice of cancellation for this year. Lori C. will ask to find out how to proceed. No action was taken.

-Keith reported that Joy Wooten finished a fence project and meets NRCS standards and specs; waiting on an invoice and needs a board signature. Harold will make a copy of the check and photos to give to Lori C. for grant reporting. Harold Unwin made a motion to approve Joy Wooten's project pending invoice. Second by Will Ward.

F. Other Business
Garth (CSCB) reported that direct assistance for those in good standing was approved, around $8000 (includes the $2000) by September. CACD meeting is Sept. 7-10 in Golden, CO. Harold cannot attend this year. Undecided if Lori C. will attend. There will be meetings online later. Awards will be due in October. Sept. 12 will be the Arkansas Watershed meeting which will be once a year, in the fall—District Mangers can now be a designated rep if needed. There will be a large solar installation workshop in the fall in Rocky Ford. Discussed that small districts can't afford to match some of the larger monies for the lower Arkansas. Garth mentioned some smaller project ideas like rain barrels in the upper Arkansas or getting multiple districts together. No action was taken.

G. NRCS Report: Sammie reported that selections for EQIP 2025 are in progress and he is requesting additional funds. 4 projects funded in the B-TCD so far. He wants to focus on conservation planning now. FSA CRP signup announcement should be this week. DCT Grant is open now through Aug. 25. No action was taken.

H. District Tech Report: No completed activity for the MG in 1st or 2nd quarter. So far 1 for 3rd quarter approved earlier. Keith is working Tuesday/Thursday now and fully retires at the end of December. No action was taken.

I. Next meeting will be August 11, 2025 in BRANSON @ the online office.

J. Adjourned at 6:13pm.