

Minutes

Branson - Trinchera
Conservation District

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7pm via Zoom

I. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Call meeting to order and roll call of attendance @ 7:00pm

- Dale Yocam, President—present
- Dick Loudon, Vice President—absent
- Harold Unwin, Secretary/Treasurer—present
- Lori Green, Member—present
- Will Ward, Member—present

B. Introduction of Guests:

Lori Chatterley (DM); Sammie Molinaro (NRCS); Terrance Tschatshula (Vapor Lok Rhombo); 1 unidentified guest “Michael” with no camera or microphone who would not respond.

Terrance did a presentation about his product and answered questions.

C. Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2026

Motion by Harold Unwin to approve the minutes. Second: Will Ward. Motion passed 4-0.

D. TREASURER’S REPORT

- Income: Mill Levy \$12,106.96
- Bills: \$250 Trinidad Water Festival; \$235 in expenses for Youth Day
- Current Balance: \$63,693.02 with the CD not yet reinvested

Motion by Lori Green to approve Treasurer’s Report. Second: Will Ward. Motion passed 4-0

E. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Samantha Melden new CSCB SE Region Field Specialist—Garth’s replacement will be at the annual meeting
2. Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands update—they are getting more input; CPW banning prairie dog killing on public lands

F. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Annual Meeting post cards mailed out; RSVPs—18 so far
2. 2026 CSCB MG Cost share award notice letters; sent out reminders to sign—4 left

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Trinidad Water Festival Donation \$250 ratification

Motion to approve by Harold Unwin. Second: Will Ward. Motion passed 4-0.

2. 2027 CSCB Matching Grant Application Budget

Lori made updates to the match for the district and NRCS.

Motion to approve by Will Ward. Second: Lori Green. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Scholarships: Holly Ward, Liam Doherty

Motion to approve \$1000 scholarship awards to each student by Harold Unwin. Second: Lori Green. Motion passed 3-0 with Will Ward abstaining.

4. CACD Outreach Project (board member volunteer)—This item was tabled.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2026 CSCB MG Award update request—Harold Unwin (shade balls \$2875+freight)

The project's estimate had been too low due to NRCS not having the shade balls as a practice. This adjustment would increase the project cost by \$325 and the award by \$162.50 and still be far under the \$2500 limit. Freight would have added substantially, but the company is going to bring the rhomboids for their presentation at the Annual Meeting in June. Motion to approve the adjustment by Lori Green. Second: Will Ward. Motion carried 3-0 with Harold Unwin abstaining.

2. Report: Youth Day Tuesday, April 28, 2026 (and article for SE CO Power)

56 kids attended from Branson, Kim, and Pritchett. The article will be in the June issue. The kids loved the archery and water trailer. Harold has some photos he will share.

3. Discussion of the 2026 Annual Meeting & Local Working Group Agenda (12pm on Monday, June 8) –Agenda and needs for presentations were discussed.

I. **OTHER BUSINESS**—none

J. **NRCS REPORT**—Sammie gave his report. Would like a targeted conservation proposal for the district discussed at LWG for EQUIP 2027. New NRCS Chief: Colton Buckley at the federal level. Very low precipitation.

K. **DISTRICT TECH. REPORT**—none (Randee DeCristino was hired and will start soon.)

L. **NEXT MEETING:** Annual Meeting, June 8, 12:00 @ Kim High School

July Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 7pm via Zoom

M. **ADJOURNMENT @ 8:11pm**