

MINUTES

Branson - Trinchera Conservation District

DATE: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

PLACE: Zoom

TIME: 7:00pm

I. BUSINESS MEETING

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

Dale Yocam called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- Dale Yocam, President—present
- Dick Loudon, Vice President—absent
- Harold Unwin, Secretary/Treasurer—present
- Lori Green, Member—arrived at 7:02pm (item D); present
- Will Ward, Member—present

B. Introduction of Guests: Sammie Molinaro (NRCS), Randee DeCristino (DCT), Lori Chatterley (District Manager), Terrance Tschatschula (Rhombos shade balls)

C. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2026 & June 8, 2026*

Motion to approve the minutes by Harold Unwin; Second: Will Ward. Motion passed 3-0.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT*

- Income: Mill Levy \$614.20 June; \$319.14 July
- Bills: Bond for Insurance \$1023.15; \$450 John for the Annual Meeting meal;
- Current Balance: \$62,905.13

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

E. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE (highlights)

1. Ben Berlinger request for donation for FFA Rangeland Education Trailer to go along with the *Perkins Innovations Grant* Rangeland Curriculum grant*
The board discussed the grant, how much had been raised for the trailer so far, and providing a donation for the Range Day meal instead. *Motion to table the item until the August board meeting made by Harold Unwin; Second: Will Ward. Motion passed 4-0.*
Lori C. gave an overview of the rest of the correspondence. *No action was taken.*
2. Exemption from Audit processed by the state—accepted
3. CSCB 2026 Emergency Management Grant—informational
4. CSCB Conservation District Fire Response Guide—informational
5. Direct Assistance—should receive \$6950.94 CSCB plus \$2000 that CACD helped pass.
6. NRCS New World Screwworm Preparedness and Response sheet—informational
7. Website Report—over the last year stats have gone up. Average time spent is 2m11s (vs 15s prior year) and 240 visitors (vs 86 prior year).

F. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Lori C. gave an overview of the outgoing correspondence. *No action was taken.*

1. Article in Co-op from Youth Conservation Day—informational
2. 2026 CSCB MG 2nd Quarter report submitted—informational
3. Sam.gov annual registration renewed—informational

G. NEW BUSINESS*

1. Memorial—*Motion to honor Sammie Molinaro's late father with a donation to Mt. Carmel Church for \$100 by Harold Unwin. Second: Will Ward. Motion passed 4-0.*

2. 4H Fair Sale donation and letter from Jacob Larson—discussion of fair sale and suggestions for donations instead of add-ons. *Motion to donate \$1000 for the meal in lieu of animal purchases by Lori Green. Second: Harold Unwin. Motion passed 4-0.*
 3. NRCS Targeted Conservation Proposal—Sammie presented what he had discussed with Dale along with the full proposal for livestock water development and native rangeland health. *Motion to approve the proposal by Harold Unwin; Second: Will Ward. Motion passed 4-0.*
 4. Rhombo letters—Terrance T. created some letter templates to be used with federal legislators to make them aware of the use of shade balls for water conservation and to get them into EQIP. The board asked Lori C. to work on the letter as well as a resolution involving shade balls to bring to the August meeting. *No action was taken.*
- H. OLD BUSINESS***
1. 2026 CSCB MG Cost Share Completion—Harold Unwin (shade balls \$1437.50)—Harold's project is complete and checked out. Really helping evaporative water loss. *Motion to approve the cost share completion and payment by Will Ward; Second: Lori Green. Motion carried 3-0 with Harold Unwin abstaining due to it being his project.*
 2. Grasslands planning update—no update; *no action taken.*
 3. Resolution on CRP—Harold will present a resolution at the August meeting. *No action taken.*
- I. OTHER BUSINESS**—Dale hired Ray Burton to scan for water and they did 10-15 miles. He will keep us posted when they start drilling about the success.
- J. DISTRICT TECH. REPORT**—Randee had nothing to report beyond Harold's completion.
- K. NRCS REPORT**—Sammie gave his report. Also, he hopes to have more EQIP money in August. Purgatoire River is dry with 2cfs.
- L. NEXT MEETING:** August 19, 2026 @ 6pm in Branson
- M. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:06pm**

* possible action items