MINUTES

Branson - Trinchera
Conservation District

DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2026
PLACE: Branson, CO (Online School)
TIME: 5:00pm

I. **BUSINESS MEETING** The meeting was called to order at 4:49pm by Dale Yocam.

A. **Call meeting to order and roll call of attendance:**
- Dale Yocam, President—present
- Dick Louden, Vice President—present
- Harold Unwin, Secretary/Treasurer—present
- Lori Green, Member—absent
- Will Ward, Member—present

B. **Introduction of Guests:** Sammie Molinaro (NRCS), Lori Chatterley (District Manager)

C. **Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2025** Motion to approve minutes by Dick Louden. Second: Will Ward. Motion carried 4-0.

D. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- Income: $24,448.23 2025 CSCB Matching Grant Reimbursement; $189.50 Mill Levy
- Bills: Flowers for Margaret Lewis funeral $72.03; paid out $750 each for 3 scholarships
- Current Balance: $41,967.90 (plus the CD which is due in March)

Harold Unwin gave the report. Motion to approve by Harold Unwin. Second: Dick Louden. Motion carried 4-0.

E. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**
1. 1099 reminder from CSCB—informational item; Harold had to order more 1099 forms because the ones Lori got were NEC forms and Quickbooks would only print the MISC forms correctly. No action taken.

F. **OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**
1. 2025 CSCB Matching Grant Final Report & Reimbursement Request sent—informational item; reimbursement received already. No action taken.

G. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. Monetary value for Charlie Wait—Harold reported that Charlie Wait was selected to go to National Western for FFA for her goat and beef. She's a student at Kim. The school can't pay for expenses, so he requested a $150 stipend to help with the travel costs. Motion to approve by Harold Unwin. Second: Dick Louden. Motion carried 4-0 to give Charlie Wait $150 stipend.

2. 2026 CSCB Cost Share program deadlines, paperwork, advertisement, ranking sheet—The board discussed the parameters in depth. They decided to add a line to the ranking form for -5 points for a shade/aqua ball demonstration project (lowest score is ranked higher). They discussed some suggestions be added to the rules to encourage new projects and priorities for 2026. Lori will add those things in including the aqua balls, power pellets, solar related projects, ideas to try for keeping ice off tanks, and that the landowner is responsible to provide before photos. The date for the March meeting will be March 18 for ranking approvals. They also discussed potential fundraiser with the aqua balls. Motion to approve the materials with the change to the ranking sheet, the ideas for projects, and the meeting date by Harold Unwin. Second: Will Ward. Motion carried 4-0.
3. 2025 Annual Report—Lori presented the Annual Report which was updated and improved per CSCB training and suggestions to be more engaging. It can now be used as a presentation at annual meeting as well as be posted on the website. Motion to approve by Harold Unwin. Second: Dick Louden. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Resolution 2026-01 Establishing Regular Meeting Dates, Time, Location, and 24 Hour Posting—Lori explained this is just housekeeping that needs to be done every year. Motion to adopt the resolution by Dick Louden. Second: Will Ward. Motion carried 4-0.
5. DISCUSSION: Youth Day—The board discussed that it will be in Kim at the end of April. Harold will talk to the school to get a date. Ideas for presenters and stations such as static water level demo, water trailer, CPW, survey, 811, and the shade ball demo. Homeschool kids are usually invited too. No action was taken.
6. DISCUSSION: Annual Review of Conflict of Interest, Standards of Conduct, Open Meeting Info., and Bylaws—documents were sent on email for the board to review related to these topics. It is standard across special districts. No action was taken.
7. DISCUSSION: 2026 B-TCD Annual Meeting Date & Topic—The annual meeting is held with the NRCS local workgroup for attendance. Sammie will check on the due date for the workgroup and we can schedule from there. No action was taken.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Exemption from Audit—Harold will prepare the books after the bank statement is ready. He's adjusting the account statements to end on the end of the month instead of mid-month to simplify bookkeeping. Century Solutions can do the exemption for $800. Lori will connect Harold with Stacey at Century. Motion to approve Century Solutions to do the 2025 Exemption from Audit by Harold Unwin. Second: Dick Louden. Motion carried 4-0.

I. **OTHER BUSINESS** –Harold would like to see a resolution for the next session about CRP mid-management. The 10 year contract is not helping. Changing the grazing term to 3 years will make for better grasslands. He will work on that. No action was taken.

J. NRCS REPORT—Sammie presented his report. No update on USDA reorganization and still a hiring freeze. Staff are helping at other offices. First round EQUP had 50 applications and 6 for CSP. He will have more info on Regenerative Ag in February. 33% of normal for precipitation in December.

K. DISTRICT TECH. REPORT—none

L. **NEXT MEETING** February 18 at 6pm via Zoom
March 18 at 6pm in Kim, CO

M. **ADJOURNMENT**—Motion to adjourn at approximately 6pm by Dick Louden. Second: Dale Yocam. All were in agreement.