

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2024 MEETING OF THE  
CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CCCD) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Present: Shelly Falkenburg, Sharon Lovitt, Susie Downs, Patricia Taboga, Michelle Huntington, Anna Gray  
Absent: Stan Mitchem

Vice Chairman, Shelly Falkenburg, called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the July 18, 2024 meeting minutes as read. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Lovitt presented the Treasurer's Report and the bills to be paid. The supervisors had the opportunity to review the July Converse County Bank reconciliations prior to the meeting. Due to the earlier date of the meeting, the WYOSTAR reconciliation was not available. Patricia Taboga moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Sharon Lovitt second, motion carried. The WY Department of Audit Local Government Annual Report Summary and the Lenhart, Mason and Associates Engagement Letter were reviewed and signed.

District Report

Anna presented a Community Canopy application and discussion was held regarding public benefit of the request. Applicant will be encouraged to contact Converse County Weed and Pest for assistance with Russian Olive removal along the river. Other trees on the Cox application did not meet the public benefit criteria.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had public benefit verified. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the Harris application as presented. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that partially met the public benefit criteria. Susan Downs moved to approve the Igo application for trimming of the aspen, ash and birch trees only. Sharon Lovitt second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had public benefit verified for the eligible tree. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the Holland application for trimming of the American Elm. Susan Downs second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had public benefit verified. Susan Downs moved to approve the Newton application as presented. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had public benefit verified. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the entire Douglas Senior Center application as presented. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had public benefit verified. Patricia Taboga moved to approve the Feedback application as presented. Susan Downs second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had partial public benefit. Susan Downs moved to approve the Vonwald application for trimming of two elms between houses. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had public benefit verified. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the Arima application as presented. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had partial public benefit verified. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the trimming of the cottonwood tree. Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Community Canopy application that had partial public benefit verified. Susan Downs moved to approve the removal of the dead cottonwood tree and trimming of two cottonwoods along the road.

Patricia Taboga second, motion carried.

Anna presented a Resource Enhancement application for a gated pipe irrigation project. Sharon Lovitt moved to approve the Boot Ranch request in the amount of \$7,528.00. Patricia Taboga second. Sharon Lovitt and Patricia Taboga, aye; Susan Downs, nay. Motion carried.

The 2023/2024 Annual Report and 2024/2025 Plan of Work was reviewed and discussed. Susan Downs moved to accept the reports. Sharon Lovitt second, motion carried.

#### Old Business

WACD award nominations were discussed. No names were brought forward for submission.

#### New Business

Michelle reported that NRCS has hired a District Conservationist for the Douglas Field Office. Stephanie Paul will begin on August 26, 2024.

#### Other Business and Correspondence

Thank you cards from several Converse County Fair participants and from Dixie Huxtable were reviewed. Michelle reported that giveaways have been purchased for our booth at Wyoming State Fair that Anna and Michelle will be manning the booth space in the Wyoming Livestock Roundup tent beginning Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Anna will be doing an educational event with the stream trailer in cooperation with Converse County Extension on Wednesday, August 14 during Youth Day at the fair.

Dates to remember:

August 13-17, 2024 – Wyoming State Fair

September 6, 2024 – Area II Meeting in Lusk

September 19, 2024 – CCCD Board Meeting

September 21, 2024 – Household Hazardous Waste Day

November 18-21, 2024 – WACD Annual Convention – Jackson, WY

Seeing no further business, Shelly Falkenburg adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Huntington