

White River Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the White River Conservation District Boards of Supervisors, held at the Conservation District’s board meeting room, was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

**Attendance:** Chris Collins (President), Kathy Nelson (Vice Pres.), Marc Etchart (Supervisor), Bill Lake (Supervisor), Neil Brennan (Supervisor), Tristan McGee (Project Manager) Fayanna Seely (Office Manager), Nakayla Lestina (NRCS)

**Marc made a motion to approve the agenda, Neil seconded the motion, discussion to amend the agenda and add the Blair and Associates Audit Agreement letter, motion carried unanimously.**

**Bill made a motion to table the December financials; Marc seconded the motion. motion carried unanimously.**

**Marc made a motion to approve the December minutes, Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.**

**Neil made a motion to approve the payables, Marc seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.**

FBC-Vonage	Office Telephone	\$50.84	\$5.08
FBC-Microsoft	Subscription / Family plan	\$24.00	\$2.40
FBC-HP Instant Ink	Ink for Printer	\$26.61	\$2.66
FBC- Column Software	WR Budget Hearing Notice	\$11.35	
Applegate Group Inc	Contractor for Big Ditches	\$17,882.30	
Cimarron	Office Internet	\$50.00	\$5.00
ColoCPA	Monthly Bookkeeping	\$140.00	0
CEBT	Employee Life/Health Ins.	\$816.98	0
Elizabeth Chandler	Coordinator	\$4,300.00	0
Callie Hendrickson	Monthly Cell	\$30.00	\$3.00
Callie Hendrickson	Mileage DCCD meeting	\$65.00	\$65.00
Tristan McGee	Monthly Cell	\$30.00	
Tristan McGee	Mileage to check CRMP Project	\$62.40	
Fayanna Seely	Monthly Cell	\$30.00	\$3.00
CNCC	Tristan/Soil Science Class	\$747.02	\$74.70
Rio Blanco County	MG Payment	\$10,664.58	
Streamline	Website Maintenance	\$80.00	\$8.00
Budd-Falen	Comments	\$500.00	
<b>MATCHING GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS</b>			
Vince Wilczek	Cricket control chemical	\$495.00	

Nine Mile Ranch	Cricket control chemical	\$950.00	
Mike Lopez	Cricket control chemical	\$295.55	
White River Farms	Cricket control chemical	\$104.91	
Richard Ott	Cricket control chemical	\$162.50	
Crysal Reinhard	Cricket control chemical	\$18.43	
Gayle Rogers / Crawford Ranch	Cricket control chemical	\$22.37	
Rose Marie Cook Trust	Cricket control chemical	\$135.70	
Strawberry Creek Ranch	Cricket control chemical	\$506.00	
Wade Cox	Cricket control chemical	\$424.57	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$38,626.11</b>	<b>\$168.85</b>
			<i>DC Split</i>

**Tristan CRMP Report:** Tristan updated the group on the Oldland PJ project. VMS only completed about 200 acres which is approximately 50%. There are concerns that the last polygon VMS worked on does not meet specs referring to the pictures Tristan took and BLM reviewed. **Neil made a motion to pay 50% of the current invoice (\$6265.19) and offer a contract extension to finish the North side of CR5 PJ Treatment to VMS. Marc seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.** Tristan will reach out to the contractor and BLM to make sure everyone understands the details of the project not getting completed and not an onsite review of the completed acres for quality to meet specs prior to the current snowfall.

**NRCS Report:**

Nakayla is currently working on Application assessments. 1<sup>st</sup> round of preapprovals is completed. Hoping HR is going to move the hiring process along. Nakayla has been tied up more than usual with the hiring process for current positions in Meeker, Steamboat and Walden

**Old Business:**

**Annual Plan of Work Updates (background) –**

- Bison – Comments have been submitted to the CPW Commission.
- Chris updated the group on a current situation in ID, The federal government is suing the state over water rights. He will keep the group updated on the situation.
- The Shoshone water rights purchased by CRD is moving forward. There are several parts to the transaction.

**New Business:**

**Marc made a motion that the 2024 meeting location, date, time and posting location stay the same, Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.**

**Kathy made a motion to approve the engagement letter from Blair & Associates for the 2023 audit, Marc seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.**

**Annual Meeting:** Fay updated the group on current progress and requested board members to look for sponsors. Neil recommended the Lodging Tax Board, Mule Deer Foundation, Trout Unlimited. Chris recommended Intermountain West Joint Ventures. All board members offered help to set up the banquet. Neil wondered about hanging banners for sponsorships.

**Staff/ NRCS Reports:**

See attached reports.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Fayanna Seely, Office Manager

**Last Month's Hours and Miles**

<b>Board Member:</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Miles</b>
Chris Collins	36	10
Kathy Nelson	6	16
Bill Lake	18	136
Neil Brennan		
Marc Etchart	32.5	406

**Task List:**

Get small invites for annual meeting to members.

Relist the Honda ATV for bid