**Meeting Agenda - Upper Arkansas Conservation District Board**

February 7, 2022 **-** 6:00 pm via **Zoom**

**In attendance:**

Board: Nancy, Susie, Becky, Ed

Staff: Joni, Natalie, Rob Tallmadge

**Meeting called to order 6:05 pm**

**Introductions:** Rob Tallmadge – Interim Executive Director, Central Colorado Conservancy

**UACD Business**

**Old Business:**

**Review/approve:** January 10th, 2022 minutes

Ed motion to approve minutes, Becky 2nd, minutes approved.

**Updates:**

**UAWP Update:**

* Projectsupdate – Natalie/Nancy

**UACD 2022 Budget**

**Treasurer Report** – Susie

Annual Budget Submitted to DOLA 1/31/2022 – Accepted

Replacement check deposited

ROCC check deposited

$42,144.81 current balance

**UACD Website –** Becky **-** Updates/Launch

Website is functional, still needs some tweaks. Need to work out the payment buttons/accept payment for membership fees.

**Action:** Becky text Susie with schedule to set up meeting

**Voluntary Soil Health Program -** Natalie

**New Business:**

**Election 2022 –** Appoint DEO, Public Notice, Outreach

Motion Natalie serve as DEO this election cycle – Becky, Susie second.

**Action:** Public Notice in Salida Mountain Mail – Susie will do online with Credit Card. Post at Court House, Murdoch’s, Tractor Supply

Motion put in Salida MM and if nominal fee (less than $15) also post in Chaffee County Times

**Action:** Outreach – Madison Everett – Susie, Brice or Kate Lewis – maybe, John Clark (not in active ag), Tom McGlanahon – good background in water, on Bowen Ditch, active on ditch, check in with Brady regarding intentions with UACD board – Nancy/Natalie

AgriSummit Tour – visit Susie’s leased property at Timber Creek. Susie will check in with Walt Harder and with Albert to see if tour is possible. Susie will let us know by Friday!

**DC Report** – Joni

EQIP – 17 regular applications, 12 forestry, rest are mixture of irrigation and greenhouse. Another round of EQIP/CIC, deadline Feb 18?

CIC practices – less rigid – not requiring the enhancements, irrigation, forestry, step into CSP program, higher level of management than EQIP – required enhancements (last year). CIC = Conservation Incentive Contract.

Not many applicants for cover crop – TJ from Farm to Table

Requires cropland – excludes most producers from Chaffee County

No longer have a forester in this office – Dave McNitt is now with BLM

Dave’s position will be posted after Laura’s position is filled. Laura’s position supervises Dave’s old position.

**Exemption from audit** – Susie is working on this, Long Form required this year due to budget increase, resolution will be on March agenda for approval.

**Soil Health Workshop –** Nancy/Natalie -funding, speakers, topics

NatGLC Mini-Grant submitted to support soil health workshop. Board had said they wanted to do this year. Greg Judy committed to speak. Poncha Town Hall committed. July 15-16. Josh Tashiro has agreed to help. Walk about at Brice Lewis ranch.

Motion to apply to NatGLC and Common Ground and CACD funds to support Soil Health and Drought Resilience Workshop.

Susie – share with Fremont County Cattleman’s

Eventbrite – does UACD have an account - Becky research, see if we can link to website

**Drought Leadership Training –** Nancy/Natalie

**Planning and Development** – Nancy update, Board discussion role to play going forward

Comment has been made that “agency comments to not matter to planning process”

CR 190 Initiative is appealing the decision

The Heritage Board is going to comment during the appeal process about Aspire and about the process in general.

Is the board willing to write a letter stating that UACD comments need to be taken into account as part of the review process? Write to Commissioners and Planning Board – 2 letters.

**Action:** Ed and Nancy draft a letter regarding disregard of comments submitted to planning commission.

Motion submitted by Becky, second by Susie – motion carried.

**Next meeting** – March 7th, 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned 7:46pm