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

December 6, 2021 **-** 6:00 pm via **Zoom**

**In attendance:**

Board: Nancy, Susie, Becky, Ed

Staff: Natalie, Adam Beh

**Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm**

**UACD Business**

**Old Business:**

**Review/approve:** November 6th, 2021 minutes - Minutes approved, Becky moved, Ed seconded

**Updates:**

**Treasurer Report** – Susie

Treasurers report balance $42,670.91

Check from ARWC in amount of $5,000.00 returned upon ARWC request. Made out from incorrect account. Replacement check will be sent. (Matching funds for UAWP FHZ mapping project.

**UAWP Update:**

* Projectsupdate – Natalie/Nancy
  + Ag Needs Assessment -Committee met November 19th to review and comment on survey questions and determine implementation plan for survey. Next Ag Committee meeting will be December 16. Goal is to finalize survey. Begin meeting with individual in January and February. Several graduate students have applied for the transcription and compilation project.
  + Natalie and Nancy attended Envision Dinner for Ag Operators. Event was well attended including Kate Greenberg and Gov. Polis. Natalie “manned” the station for the Ag Needs Assessment/Irrigation Infrastructure project. Good interaction and feedback.
  + Lots of ditches in the District that need work. Aware that the ditch the Tiptons are on is one of them.
  + Other project ideas/stations included Chaffee County Fire department help with ditch burning, hip camp, recreation nfrastructure, Crippen's meat processing, inheritance tax and family farms
* Becky – has agreed to contract grant administration work
  + Board is in favor

**UACD 2022 Budget**

* Subcommittee – Susie, Becky, Adam
  + subcommittee will meet December 14th Adam Susie Becky and Natalie - last year's budget for reference and all forms are in email
* Regarding budget & CWCB Grant, create invoice for Natalie's work- cut check for CCC, create process for invoicing properly

**Voluntary Soil Health Program**

* Possible participants
  + possible participants by December 31st - Becky and Natalie will attend zoom meeting December 15th ask for extension
* MOU Lake County
  + Adam will work with Mary on LCCD board to get MOU signed
* Equipment funds – consider a portable corral, good ones are approximately $30,000

**New Business:**

**DC Report – Joni**

Joni reports several new applicants, dealing with getting them in FSA system, equip grant apps include irrigation and forestry

**Long Range Plan –** Due January 1, 2022

**Action:** Becky begin filling in the template provided.

**Development in Chaffee County:**

Discussion about current development trends – proposed developments discussed are within current county code. Conservation District may be able to influence new code as it develops relative to storm water runoff, soil erosion, type of road materials, etc.

Action: Invite Marjo and Greg from planning commission to February UACD meeting.

**Next meeting** – January 3rd, 6:00 PM – Can meet in person at CCC office

Meeting adjourned 7:14 pm