Teller-Park Conservation District

800 Research Drive # 160 Woodland Park, CO 80863

September 11, 2024

Supervisors: Laurie Glauth, Wendy Dillenschneider-absent, John Vance, Rebecca Pruitt, Greg Liverman

Partners: N/A

Partner Biologist: Kyle Deschenes **Darian Founds-** CSU Extension

Staff: Marisa Neuzil

Call to order: Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:07AM

Minutes and Financials: John made a motion to approve the August minutes, Greg seconded. Motion carried. Greg made a motion to approve August financials, John seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS- Greg informed the board that Chris will be back in the office by the end of September. Greg let the board know that there will be a restructuring of this areas' offices. Woodland Park office will now be together with Colorado Springs instead of Canon City. That means that Greg will no longer be our RTL. We do not know the exact date of the switch, but it will be sooner than later. Our new RTL will be Kevin Triplett. An offer has been extended to someone to fill in for the vacancy that we have had since last December. There may be a possibility for an additional position as well.

Darian Founds: Darian re-introduced himself. He started the third week of June and was busy with 4-H and the Teller County Fair. He comes from an education background and most recently was the science coordinator for District 11. He has lived in Teller County for four years. CSU is busy getting programs up and running. There will be a small acreage forestry workshop coming up soon as well as a special screening of the new Temple Grandlin documentary. Seating is limited and will be by invitation only to start. This will be on November 16th. He would like to start creating science kits for educators to check out from CSU. He is housed in the Public Health Offices in Divide for now. There is a Green School program starting soon.

Partner Biologist-Kyle informed the board that he will be working with CPW on a request for funding from the Park County Land and Water Trust for the Antero Junction Forest Wildlife project. He continues to work on existing projects.

DM Report: See Attached

Old Business: The Long-Range Plan will be pushed until November. Marisa and Laurie will get a draft ready for the board to review.

New Business: Laurie shared with the board that an individual has expressed interest in working with the district. There is money in the budget for a part time helper. Greg made a motion to bring on Lisa Taylor as assistant manager, Rebecca seconded, motion carried. An offer letter will be sent to Lisa and employment will begin upon acceptance. Lisa will start at \$20/hour and will have a probationary period until December 31, 2024. She will start at up to 16 hours a week. Greg and Wendy are unable to attend the Upper Arkansas Watershed meeting in Pueblo West on September 19th. Laurie will try to clear her calendar and attend in their place. TPCD is responsible for lunch this meeting. Marisa will coordinate with Highside Brewing and get things settled for the annual meeting. She will get the word out through social media as well as an ad in local papers.

Supervisor Reports:

Laurie: N/A Page 1 of 3 Rebecca: N/A

Wendy: N/A

John: N/A

Greg: Greg has been attending Park County master plan meetings. The director of Public Works, Nick Bredsnajder, would like to coordinate with Marisa about the noxious weed program.

Action Items: The board will look at Long Range Plan and be ready to work on that for the September meeting. Marisa will work on annual meeting, social media updates, and petition signatures.

Meeting adjourned: 12:38

Executive Session:

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2024, 10:00 AM TPCD

Approved by Rebecca Pruitt- Secretary/Treasurer