**Silt Water Conservancy District**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

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| **Board of Directors** | **FICO** | **Guest** |  **Staff** |
| Charles Terrell Doug Piffer Roger Day Mike Walck Wayne PollardKevin RobertsJack PrettiJerry Seifert  | Kevin RobertsTJ Dice | Nathan BellDacri ChandlerMarc DesnoyersJim Bershenyi | Michele CoppersmithStephan Ohman |
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**Quorum:**

Charlie Terrell calls the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. We have a quorum.

**Minutes:**

Jerry Seifert moves to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Wayne Pollard seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

-Dacri Chandler & Marc Desnoyers

 They claim that their neighbor is stealing their water. Charlie Terrell explains that SWCD does not have the legal right to address this issue. Wayne Pollard tells them to contact the police or an attorney.

**Engineering/Grant Report:**

-Nathan Bell tells the board that he is working on the Loan Feasibility Study and that he will need construction numbers from CRE

**Manager’s Report:**

See attached

-Stephan Ohman states that the requests from the CO Division of Water Resources are getting ridiculous. Charlie Terrell says for Stephan Ohman and Michele Coppersmith to contact Sara Dunn about this and see what we are obligated to report.

**Old Business:**

-Limit Public Comment- Wayne Pollard moves that SWCD limit public comment, not on the agenda, to 3 minutes per person, with the total public comment time not to exceed 30 minutes. Kevin Roberts seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Michele Coppersmith will ask anyone requesting to be on the agenda, their time needed and to send any information pertaining to their topic to the office for board review at least one week prior to the meeting.

-Alley Easement from the Town of Silt – Doug Piffer wants the Town of Silt to give SWCD an easement through the alley and 2-20’ slider gates when they block our west entrance.

-Michele Coppersmith is working on setting up the board member emails through Green Geeks and they should be ready by the next meeting.

**New Business:**

-HR Options – Wayne Pollard suggests that SWCD use a third-party HR company. Michele Coppersmith will research options and present them at the next meeting. Wayne Pollard moves to table this until the next meeting. Jack Pretti seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

-Employment Options for the Future – Wayne Pollard suggests using day labor. Charlie Terrell suggests using Rifle Works. Stephan Ohman mentions that there needs to be 2 ditch riders in addition to his position. The 2 questions that need to be addressed in the future are: How to pay for additional employees? And how does SWCD compensate people who temporarily help set ditches? Roger Day moves that all temporary help be paid at least minimum wage and hired through an employment agency. Wayne Pollard seconds. Wayne Pollard moves to amend the motion to state that all temporary help be paid $25/hour and be hired through an employment agency. There is no second. The original motion carries unanimously.

-FICO Reimbursement for HG Spillway Repair – Kevin Roberts suggests that FICO reimburse SWCD quarterly for their 25% of the Harvey Gap Spillway Repair costs, unless a large cost is incurred. The SWCD board agrees to this. Kevin Roberts also asks if the SWCD would consider carrying the FICO portion of costs on their loan, possibly at a higher interest rate. Michele Coppersmith is looking into this with Sara Dunn. Wayne Pollard moves to sign the CRE contract for the design phase of the Harvey Gap Spillway Repair. Mike Walck seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

-Sale of SWCD Property – Board discusses possible sale of SWCD property to raise money for upcoming costs. Michele Coppersmith will find out what fund the proceeds of a property sale would go into and if there is any reason why SWCD couldn’t or shouldn’t sell.

-Approve GCFMLD application for new computer system – SWCD’s computer system is outdated and will not support the new Windows program. Kevin Roberts moves that Michele Coppersmith apply for the GCFMLD fall mini grant to get a new computer system. Jerry Seifert seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

**FICo Business:**

-Kevin Roberts put in his resignation as President of the FICO board.

-Michele Coppersmith painted the FICO house.

-FICO will be getting a fireproof gun safe for their papers and maps.

-Kevin Roberts attended the meeting with JHL Constructors along with Doug Piffer, Michele Coppersmith and Stephan Ohman. He thought JHL had a lot of knowledge and may be helpful in getting grants and funding for the HG spillway repair.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Michele Coppersmith states that there is currently approximately $840,000 in the SWCD checking account. Michele Coppersmith tells the board that Bank of CO’s rate for money market is only .5% and asks if they still want to start an account. The board asks Michele to get rate quotes from Edward Jones for next meeting. Wayne Pollard moves to accept the Treasurer’s Report and financial statement as provided. Mike Walck seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Wayne Pollard moves to pay bills. Jerry Seifert seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Jerry Seifert moves to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Roberts seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Charlie Terrell calls the meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Next meeting: August 20 at 6:00 p.m.

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