



Agate Conservation District Newsletter

Announcements

Cost-Share Grant for 2023

The Agate Conservation District is pleased to announce they have received a \$25,000 grant to assist landowners implement projects and practices intended to improve rangeland health. Applications for the Rangeland Health Cost-Share Grant will be accepted from January 1, 2023 – March 3, 2023. For an application, please contact Andrea Richardson at (719) 318-0533, stop by the office at 502 Washington Avenue in Simla, or visit our website: agatecod.org. Completed applications may be mailed to PO Box 215, Simla, CO 80835, e-mailed to agatecod@gmail.com or dropped off in person by appointment.

Programs and Services

CoCoRaHS

The district is currently offering to cost share the purchase of CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow) gauges. Data reported to the CoCoRaHS system is used to help monitor drought conditions in our area. Parties interested in purchasing a gauge with the intent of faithfully reporting data are encouraged to contact the district for additional information.



PERC Machine

Agate Conservation District is continuing its partnership with the Double E Conservation District to lease equipment to help mitigate prairie dog infestations. The Pressurized Exhaust Rodent Control (PERC) machine is available to landowners in the area for a rate of \$25.00/hour. For additional information or to reserve the machine please contact the Double E Conservation District at 541-2359 x 180 or Andrea Richardson at (719) 318-0533.



Community Partnerships

Agate School District

Support of local organizations which encourage youth interest in agriculture and promote conservation continues to be a priority of the Agate Conservation District. The Agate Conservation District is proud to continue our partnership with the Agate School District. This year, Agate's fifth and sixth grade students participated in a poster contest sponsored by the district. The winning posters are displayed below.

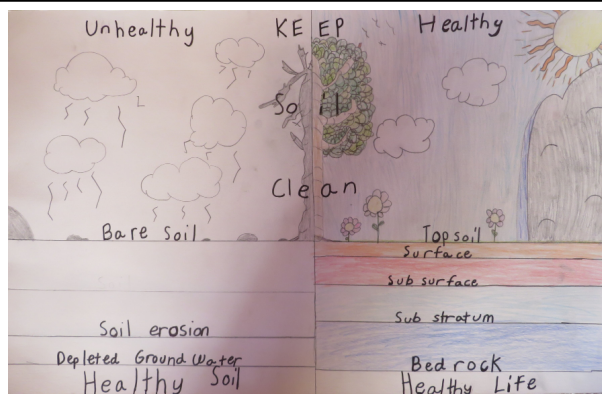
Elbert County Living Snow Fence Partnership

Local students volunteered time to help plant replacement trees in two living snow fences that were planted in the spring of 2022.

The Agate Conservation District welcomes the opportunity to partner with counties in our district on future living snow fence projects.



Poster Contest Winners: *Healthy Soil, Healthy Life*



1st Prize – Riley Williams



3rd Prize – Ransom Williams



2nd Prize – Alan Nowak

Elbert County 4-H

In addition to working with local students in the classroom, the Agate Conservation District is pleased to continue our tradition of supporting local 4-H chapters. We were again, a proud buckle co-sponsor at the Elbert County Fair this year.

Personnel and Contact Information

Agate Conservation District Board of Supervisors and Staff

Dawson MacLennan - President
Robert Nelson – Vice President
Karli Gollhofer – Secretary/Treasurer
Wyatt Rector – Member
Jesse Jolly – Member

Andrea Richardson – District Manager

Pictured left to right: Dawson MacLennan, Jesse Jolly, Wyatt Rector, Karli Gollhofer, Andrea Richardson. Not Pictured: Robert Nelson

Meetings

Regular board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of even numbered months at 7:30 PM. Unless otherwise noted, they are held at 26710 CR 117 in Simla. The public is welcome to attend.



In 2022, the Agate Conservation District welcomed a new supervisor to the board. Jesse Jolly was appointed to replace Casey Craven who resigned in the fall.

Introducing Jesse Jolly



The Agate Conservation District is fortunate to have Jesse Jolly serving as a member of its Board of Supervisors. A lifetime resident of the area, Jesse graduated from Agate High School. After earning his degree in Ag Business from Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Jesse returned to work on the ranch that has been in his family for four generations.

The next election of supervisors will be held in 2023. Supervisors elected in 2020 and 2022 will serve 3-year terms. Beginning in 2023, special district elections will move to odd-numbered years. Supervisors elected in 2023 (or later) will serve 4-year terms.

Contact Information

We can be reached via e-mail at agatecod@gmail.com, or by phone at (719) 318-0533. Our office remains in Simla at 504 Washington Avenue; an appointment can be made with the district manager if you need assistance the district manager is typically in the office Wednesday afternoons or by appointment. Please visit our website, agatecod.org for information and announcements.