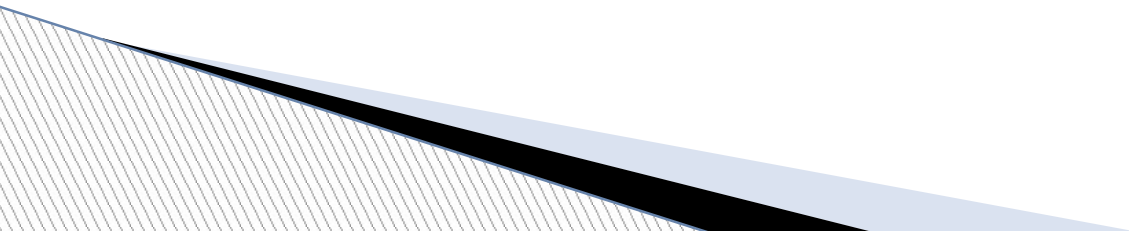


# Agate Conservation District Annual Presentation

2021



# Introductions and Acknowledgements



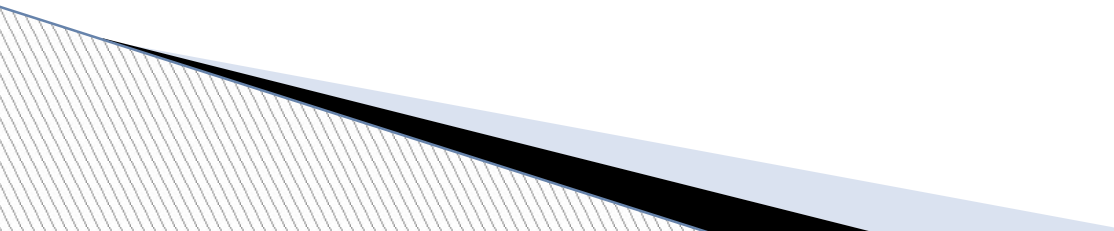
# Agate Conservation District Board of Supervisors 2020-2022



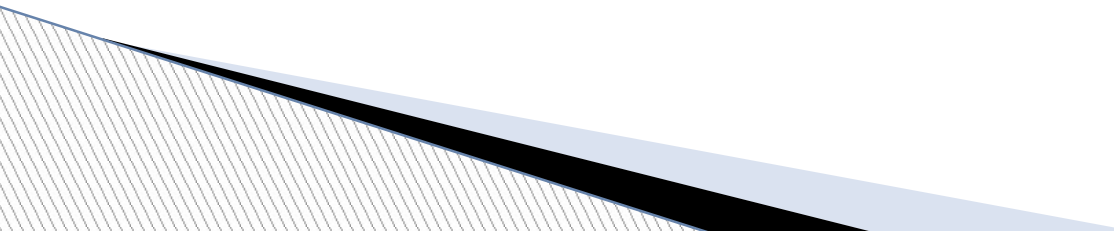
From Left to Right:

Robert Nelson: Vice President  
Karli Beuck-Golliher: Secretary/Treasurer  
Buddy Johnson: Member  
Casey Craven: Member  
Dawson MacLennan: President  
Andrea Richardson – District Manger

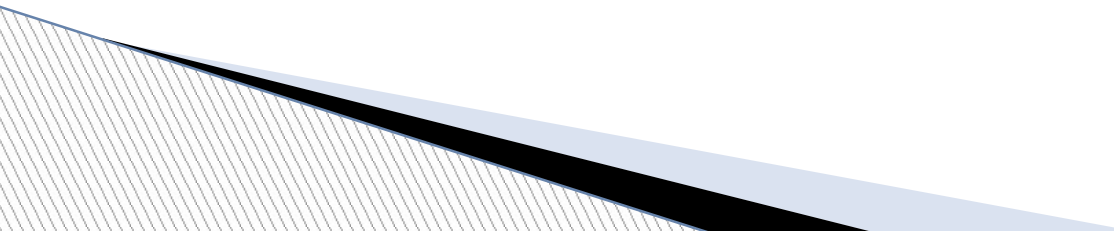
# Partners – CSCB and CACD

- ▶ Cindy Lair – Program Manager, CSCB
  - ▶ Nikki Brinson – District Operations, CSCB
  - ▶ Abbey Grey – Grant Specialist, CSCB
  - ▶ Noah McCord – Eastern Region Representative, CSCB
  
  - ▶ Bobbi Ketels – Executive Director, CACD
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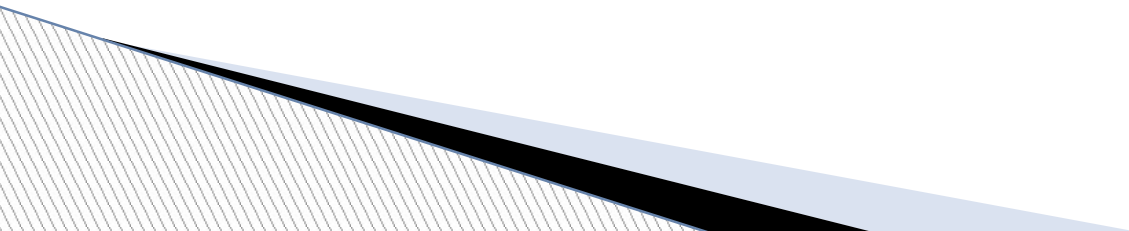
# Partners – NRCS

- ▶ Deric Clemons - Resource Team Lead, RT15
  - ▶ Blongshia Cha - Research Conservationist
  - ▶ Benny Kitten - Civil Engineering Technician
  - ▶ Scott Nicholson - Soil Conservationist
  - ▶ Linda Janssen – Program Assistant
  - ▶ Madalene Buckner - District Conservation Technician
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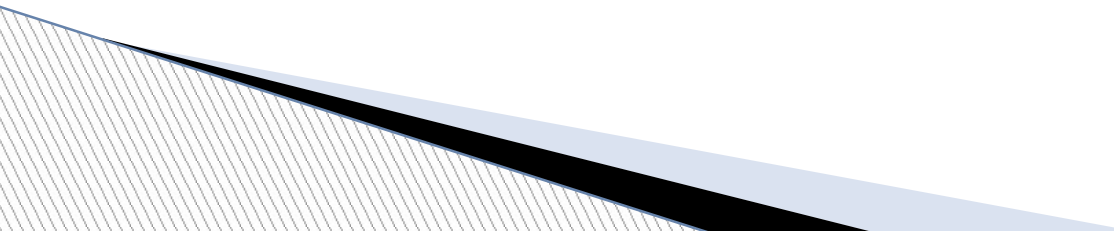
# Partners – FSA

- ▶ Christine Mergelman - County Executive Director
  - ▶ Kari Harr – Lead Program Technician
  - ▶ Kamber Watts – Program Technician
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# Business Session



# Business Session -Part 1

- ▶ Call to Order
  - ▶ 2019 Minutes
  - ▶ 2019 Financial Report
  - ▶ 2020 Financial Report
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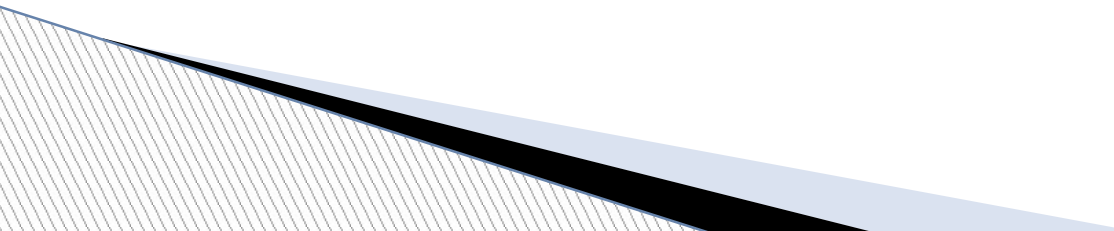


# November 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes : Introduction

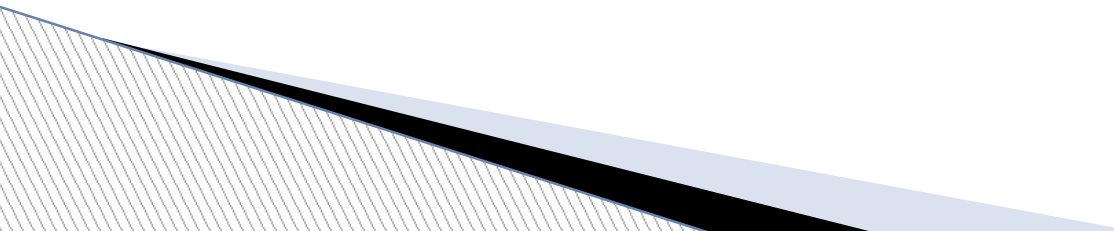
- ▶ Agate CD Board President, Glenn Benjamin welcomed the board, partners, special guests and cooperators to the annual meeting.
- ▶ Agate CD Board VP, Joe Craven lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ▶ The following introductions were made by Glenn Benjamin:

Agate CD Board (including VP, Joe Craven, Sec/Treas., Karli Gollither, member, Casey Craven, and member Dawson MacLennan), Agate CD District manager, Andrea Richardson, Paul Billig, Deric Clemons, and Benny Kitten of NRCS, Christine Mergelman and Kari Harr of FSA, and Double El CD District Manager, Heather Cross.

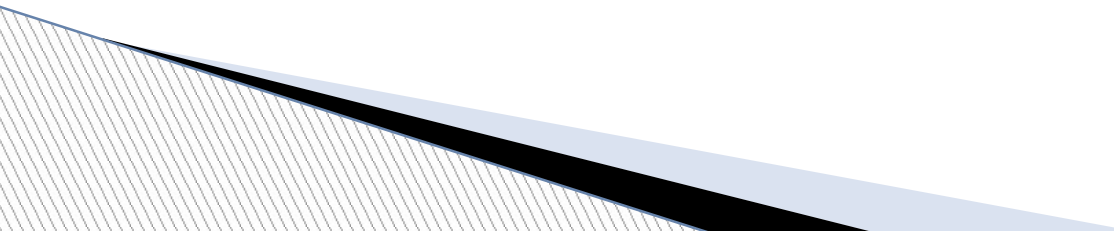
# November 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes : Business Session of Annual Meeting (Part One)

- ▶ Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Glenn Benjamin at 3:12 PM. In addition to Glenn Benjamin, Agate CD Board members Joe Craven, Karli Golliher, Dawson MacLennan and Casey Craven were present. Agate CD District Manager, Andrea Richardson and Paul Billig and Deric Clemons of NRCS were also in attendance.
  - ▶ Visitors included: Christine Mergelman and Kari Harr of FSA, Benny Kitten of NRCS and Double El District Manager Heather Cross.
  - ▶ The 2019 Agate CD Report was presented by Andrea Richardson.
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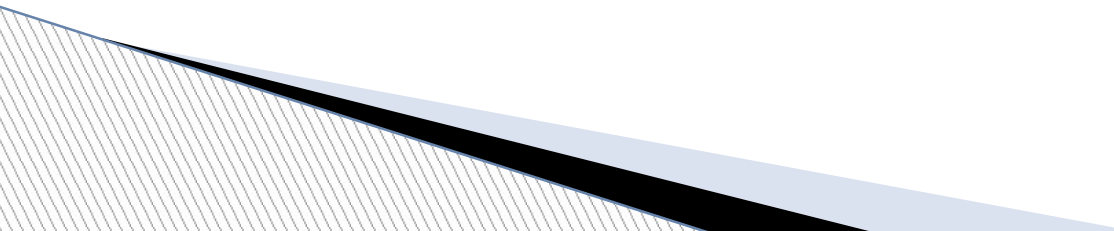
# November 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes : Business Session of Annual Meeting (Part Two)

- ▶ Minutes from 2018 Annual meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. Motion was seconded by Fred Beuck; motion carried.
  - ▶ The financial report from 2018 was distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Casey Craven to approve all expenditures and accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dawson MacLennan; motion carried.
  - ▶ 2019 NRCS Report was delivered by Paul Billig.
  - ▶ Agenda Additions: None
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# November 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: Old Business

- ▶ 2019 Matching Grant Program: 12 landowners took part; nearly \$25,000 in assistance was awarded
  - ▶ Long Range Plan: Adopted last year – goes through 2021
  - ▶ LSF: One installed in 2019; replacements to be planted for two in 2020
  - ▶ Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at Glenn Benjamin's: 7:00 PM
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# November 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: New Business (Part One)

- ▶ Agate CD Board Elections: Next election: spring of 2020 (3yr term). Beginning in 2023, elections will be held in odd numbered years.
  - ▶ 2020 Budget: To be adopted December 9, 2019.
  - ▶ 2020 Matching Grants: No matching grants for 2020. Cooperators were asked to submit proposals for projects they'd like to take on in 2021.
  - ▶ Living Snow Fence Projects: 40 replacements in two LSFs in 2020; budgeted for one additional LSF in 2020
  - ▶ 2019 CACD Annual Meeting: 2018 Farm Bill will result in changes to FSA and NRCS programs. Elections for conservation districts will move to odd years starting in 2023. The 2020 budget and Annual Report will be available to view on DOLA website.
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# November 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: New Business (Part Two)

- ▶ Correspondence: None
- ▶ Adjournment: Dawson MacLennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 PM; the motion was seconded by Karli Golliher; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
- ▶ Door prizes were awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Richardson	Karli Golliher
Agate Conservation District Manager	Secretary/ Treasurer
Agate Conservation District	
Board of Supervisors	

# 2019 Financial Report

Agate Conservation District	
2019 Financial Report	
Beginning Balance	\$127,102.56
Revenue	
PERC and Dozer Rental	\$10,887.75
Donations	\$70.00
Interest Income	\$2,268.71
Grants	
Direct Assistance Grant	\$7,151.42
CSCB Matching Grant	\$24,721.74
Total Revenue	\$45,099.62
Expenditures	
Administration	\$4,919.67
Payroll Tax	\$380.24
Office Supplies	\$556.91
Equipment Maintenance	\$717.41
Legal Notices/Ads	\$44.09
Meetings	\$725.72
Insurance	\$1,185.50
Dues and Subscriptions	\$1,330.00
Donations/Bonuses	\$75.00
Special Projects/LSF	\$1,507.97
Travel	\$28.50
CSCB Matching Grant	\$22,934.74
CoCoRaHS	\$20.75
Sundry	\$70.16
Total Expenditures	\$34,496.66
Annual Net Revenue	\$10,602.96
Ending Balance	\$137,705.52

# 2020 Financial Report

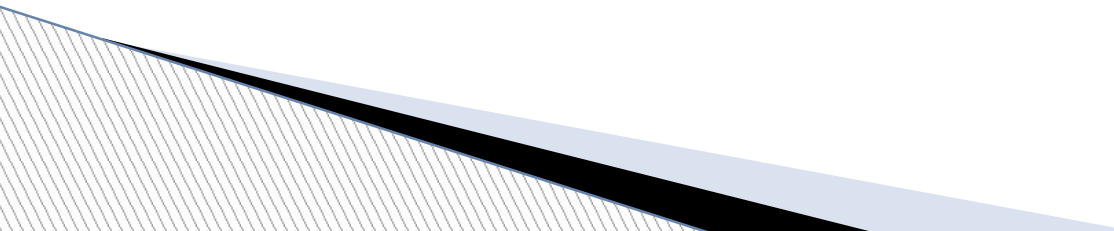
Agate Conservation District		
2020 Financial Report		
Beginning Balance		\$137,705.52
Revenue		
	PERC and Dozer Rental	\$2,181.25
	Donations	\$0.00
	Interest Income	\$662.69
Grants		
	Direct Assistance Grant	\$7,077.45
Total Revenue		\$9,921.39
Expenditures		
	Administration	\$4,049.54
	Payroll Tax	\$304.86
	Unemployment Ins Tax	\$7.46
	Education	\$44.99
	Office Supplies	\$995.77
	Equipment Maintenance	\$579.71
	Legal Notices/Ads	\$189.66
	Meetings	\$95.50
	Insurance	\$1,135.00
	Dues and Subscriptions	\$1,481.00
	Donations/Bonuses	\$1,027.50
	Fees	\$6.00
	Special Projects/LSF	\$51.02
	Travel	\$432.85
	Meals	\$48.32
	Phone	\$200.00
Total Expenditures		\$10,649.18
Annual Net Revenue		-\$727.79
Ending Balance		\$136,977.73



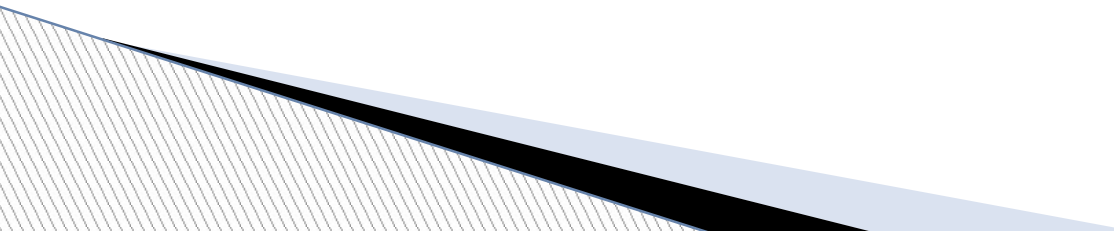
# Business Session Part 2

- ▶ Amendments to Agenda
  - ▶ Old Business
  - ▶ New Business
  - ▶ NRCS Report
  - ▶ Adjournment
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# Old Business

- ▶ 2021 Range Health Matching Grant
  - ▶ 2021 Living Snow Fence Projects
  - ▶ 2021 Local Work Group Survey Results
  - ▶ CoCoRaHS Gauge Cost Share Program
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# 2021 Range Health Matching Grant Program

- ▶ Seven Landowners participated in the Range Health Matching Grant Program for 2021. A total of \$24,835.01 was awarded to assist landowners pay for projects intended to improve rangeland health.
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# Underground Water Storage



In Progress



Completed Project

# Windmill to Solar Conversion



Before



After



# Living Snow Fence Partnership with Elbert County



Replacement trees were planted in two living snow fences in the district.

# 2021 Local Work Group Survey Results

- ▶ Again this year, resource concern information was collected through a mail survey. Land use categories included non-irrigated cropland, rangeland, pasture land, and forestry. Across all land use areas the major concerns were source water depletion, erosion, pressure from noxious weeds and pests, long-term protection of the land and livestock production limits. Thank you to all of those that responded to the survey.

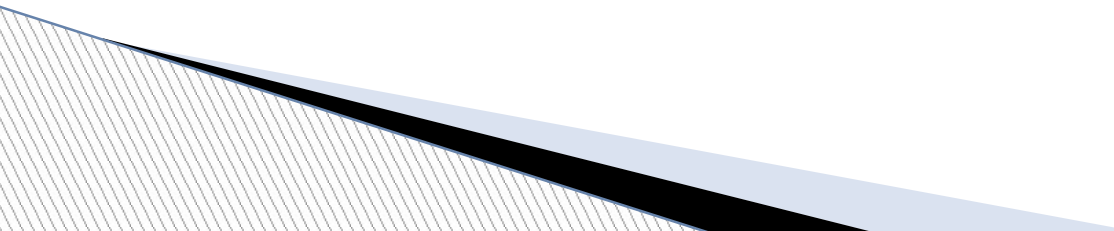
# CoCoRaHS Gauge Cost Share



The district continues to offer 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.



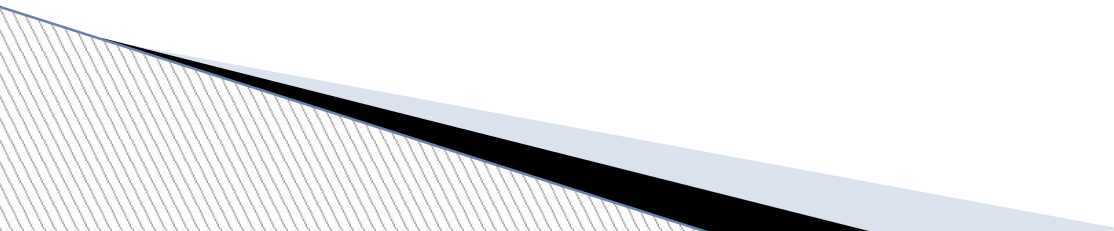
# New Business

- ▶ 2021 Poster Contest
  - ▶ 2022 Range Health Matching Grant
  - ▶ 2021 Drought Stimulus
  - ▶ Announcements
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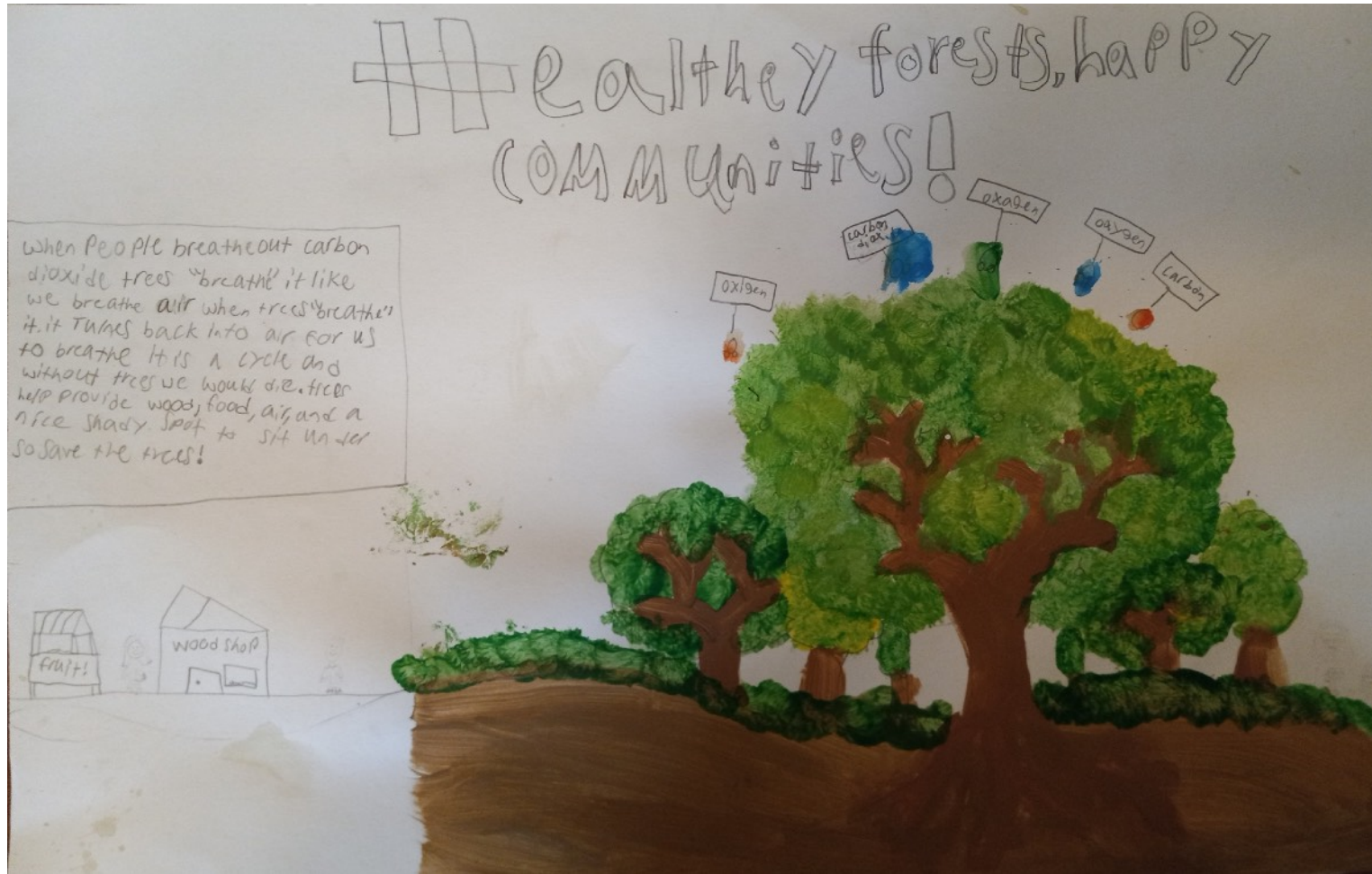
## Poster Contest:

*Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities*

The Agate Conservation District is proud to continue our partnership with the Agate School District. This year, Agate's fifth and sixth grade students were offered the opportunity to compete in a poster contest sponsored by the district. Awards were given to recognize the top three posters; the top two posters were submitted to the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts to be judged at their annual meeting. Top finishers there will go on to compete at the national level. Congratulations to all the competitors for a job well done.



# 1st Prize – Brei Turner



# 2nd Prize – Riley Garrison





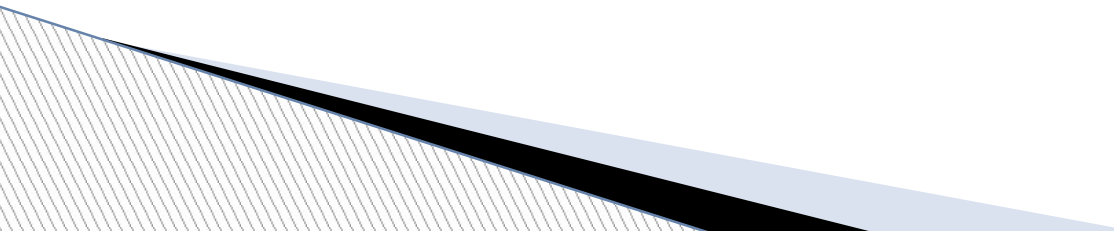
# 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Brandi Watson



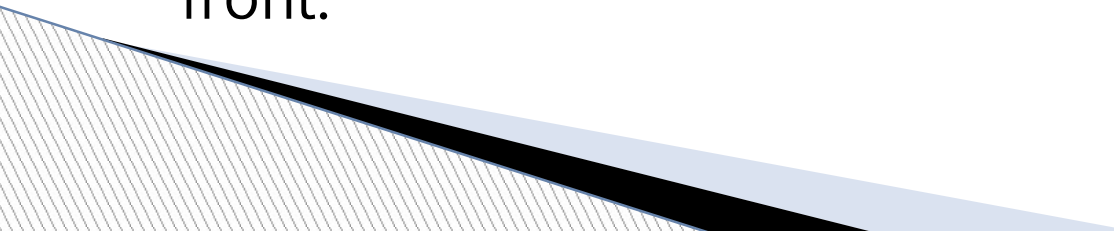
# 2022 Range Health Matching Grant

- ▶ The Agate Conservation District is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$17,000 to assist landowners in the district with projects designed to improve rangeland health. Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2022 – March 4, 2022. For additional information please contact the district at (719) 318-0533.

# 2021 Department of Agriculture Drought Stimulus Payment

- ▶ The Agate Conservation District has received a one-time payment of \$15,000 to “engage in activities that promote the ability of the state to anticipate, prepare for, mitigate, adapt to, or respond to any event, trend, or climatological disturbance related to drought or climate”. The district is working to determine the best way to use the money.
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# Announcements

- ▶ The 2022 budget will be adopted on December 21, 2021. Copies of the proposed budget are currently available for review in the district office.
  - ▶ Regular Agate CD meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of even numbered months - the public is welcome to attend.
  - ▶ Next elections for the district board will take place in May of 2022.
  - ▶ Copies of the 2022 Rangeland Health matching grant application can be picked up tonight.
  - ▶ Please note the Agate Conservation District has a new cell number; business cards are available at the front.
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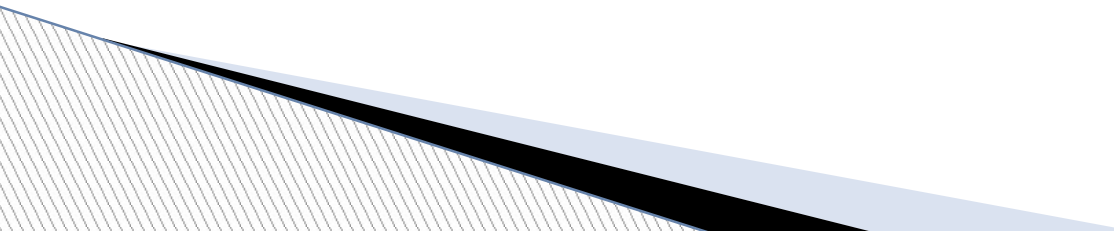


# NRCS Annual Report

Natural Resources Conservation Service Annual Report FY 2021  
Resource Team 15 (Douglas, El Paso, and Elbert Counties)

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) draws on a long history of helping people help the land. NRCS has worked in close partnerships with farmers and ranchers, local and state governments, and other federal agencies to maintain healthy and productive working landscapes. Resource Team 15 covers the Franktown, Simla, and Colorado Springs field offices and our coverage area is 2.9 million acres. Even with the onset of COVID-19, it has been our mission to assist our customers in the safest and most efficient way possible.

NRCS STAFFING UPDATE- October 2020, we hired Hailey O'Neill, Soil Conservation Technician, Colorado Springs. January 2021, we hired Madalene Buckner, District Conservation Technician. April 2021, we hired Sara Koepfel, Soil Conservationist, Colorado Springs.



# NRCS Annual Report

Even with the challenges faced this year NRCS Resource Team 15 has met the programmatic goals below:

## 2021 Programs of the Simla FO:

- ▶ Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP):  
Contracts: 13 Acres contracted: 17,589.8  
Funds obligated: \$ 902,378.02
- ▶ Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):  
Contracts: 1  
Acres contracted: 1,602.4

# NRCS Annual Report

Conservation Practices installed in FY2021:

Fence (382) – 13,611.13 Ft.

Irrigation System Sprinkler(443)- 28 ft

Mulching (484)- 2 Ac

Livestock Pipeline (516)- 39,178Ft.

Prescribed Grazing (528)- 77.5Ac.

Pumping Plant (533)- 10 No.

Water Well (642)- 6 No

Watering Facility (614)- 18 No.

# Contact Information

- ▶ We can be reached via e-mail at [agatecocd@gmail.com](mailto:agatecocd@gmail.com), or by phone at (719) 318-0533.
  - ▶ Our office remains in Simla at 504 Washington Avenue; please call to schedule an appointment to meet with the district manager in the office.
  - ▶ Please visit our website: [conservation4you.org](http://conservation4you.org) for information and announcements
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