APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT	**High Plains Conservation District**	For the Year Ended 12/31/22 or fiscal year ended:
ADDRESS	**318 5th Street**	
	Hugo, CO 80821	
CONTACT PERSON	**Jennie McCasland**	
PHONE	**719-342-1602**	
EMAIL	praireiconservation@gmail.com	

PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:	Jennie McCasland
TITLE	District Manager
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	
ADDRESS	318 5th Street
PHONE	719-342-1602
DATE PREPARED	01-30.23

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Jennie McCasland

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)	PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)
	☑	☐

PART 2 - REVENUE

REVENUE: All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description		Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	Taxes:	Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	$ -	
2-2		Specific ownership	$ -	
2-3		Sales and use	$ -	
2-4		Other (specify):	$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits		$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental:	Grants	$ -	
2-7		Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	$ -	
2-8		Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	$ -	
2-9		Other (specify): Direct Assistance	$ 8,743	
2-10	Charges for services		$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits		$ -	
2-12	Special assessments		$ -	
2-13	Investment income		$ 31	
2-14	Charges for utility services		$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds	(should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds		$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received	(should agree with line 4-4)	$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets		$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension		$ -	
2-20	Donations		$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):		$ -	
2-22			$ -	
2-23			$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23)	TOTAL REVENUE	$ 8,774	

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

EXPENDITURES: All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description		Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative		$ 250	
3-2	Salaries		$ 3,291	
3-3	Payroll taxes		$ 554	
3-4	Contract services		$ 780	
3-5	Employee benefits		$ -	
3-6	Insurance		$ 86	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees		$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance		$ -	
3-9	Supplies		$ 12	
3-10	Utilities and telephone		$ -	
3-11	Fire/Police		$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways		$ -	
3-13	Public health		$ 175	
3-14	Capital outlay		$ -	
3-15	Utility operations		$ -	
3-16	Culture and recreation		$ -	
3-17	Debt service principal	(should agree with Part 4)	$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest		$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal	(should agree with line 4-4)	$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest		$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan	(should agree to line 7-2)	$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	(should agree to line 7-2)	$ -	
3-23	Other (specify): Dues		$ 50	
3-24			$ -	
3-25			$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	$ 5,198	

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) are GREATER than $100,000 - STOP. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

	Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.	Yes	No
4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt? If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.	☐	☑
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain:	☐	☐
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain:	☐	☐

4-4

Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)	Outstanding at end of prior year*	Issued during year	Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
General obligation bonds	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Revenue bonds	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Notes/Loans	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Lease Liabilities	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Developer Advances	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (specify):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

*must tie to prior year ending balance

	Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.		Yes	No
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?		☐	☑
If yes:	How much?	$ -		
	Date the debt was authorized:			
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?		☐	☑
If yes:	How much?	$ -		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?		☐	☑
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding?	$ -		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?		☐	☑
If yes:	What is being leased?			
	What is the original date of the lease?			
	Number of years of lease?			
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?		☐	☑
	What are the annual lease payments?	$ -		

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.	Amount	Total
5-1	YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts	$ 40,614	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	$ 12,997	
	Total Cash Deposits		$ 53,611
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
5-3		$ -	
		$ -	
		$ -	
		$ -	
	Total Investments		$ -
	Total Cash and Investments		$ 53,611

	Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes	Yes	No	N/A
5-4	Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?	☑	☐	☐
5-5	Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)?	☑	☐	☐

If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations:

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No
6-1	Does the entity have capital assets?	☐	☑
6-2	Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.,? If no, MUST explain:	☐	☐

6-3

Complete the following capital & right-to-use assets table:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Buildings	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Machinery and equipment	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Furniture and fixtures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Infrastructure	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Leased Right-to-Use Assets	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (explain):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No
7-1	Does the entity have an "old hire" firefighters' pension plan?	☐	☑
7-2	Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?	☐	☑

If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	$ -
State contribution amount:	$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	$ -
TOTAL	$ -
What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1?	$ -

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No	N/A
8-1	Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.?	☑	☐	☐
8-2	Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:	☐	☐	☐

If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General fund	$ 5,000

PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	Yes	No
9-1	Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]? Note: An election to exempt the government from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the government from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All governments should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.	☑	☐

If no, MUST explain:

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

	Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.	Yes	No
10-1	Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?	☐	☑
If yes:	Date of formation:		
10-2	Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?	☐	☑
If yes:	Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:		
10-3	Is the entity a metropolitan district?	☐	☑
	Please indicate what services the entity provides:		
10-4	Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?	☐	☑
If yes:	List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:		
10-5	Has the district filed a *Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status* during	☐	☑
If yes:	Date Filed:		
10-6	Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?	☐	☑
If yes:	Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report $ amounts):		

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	-
Total mills	-

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL			
	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO
12-1	If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy?	☐	☐

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedure

Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as Docusign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

• The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
• The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
• Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:
1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, **or**
b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as Docusign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

	Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below.	A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must complete and sign in the column below.
Board Member 1	Print Board Member's Name Todd Thompson Todd Thompson	I Todd Thompson , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Todd Thompson Date: 2-14-23 My term Expires:
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name Steve Beedy Steven E Beedy.	I Steve Beedy , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Steven E Beedy Date: 2-14-23 My term Expires: May 2023
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name Dale Felzine Dale Felzine	I Dale Felzine , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Dale Felzine Date: 2/14/2023 My term Expires:
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name Shawn Boyd Shawn Boyd	I Shawn Boyd, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Shawn Boyd Date: 2/14/2023 My term Expires: May 2023
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name Joe Higgins Joe Higgins	IJoe Higgins , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Joe Higgins Date: 03/14/2023 My term Expires:
Board Member 6	Print Board Member's Name	I _____ , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Date: My term Expires:
Board Member 7	Print Board Member's Name	I _____ , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed Date: My term Expires:

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-640, C.R.S)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 FOR THE High Plains Conservation District, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHERAS, the Board of Supervisors of the High Plains Conservation District wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603,C.R.S.;and

WHERAS, Section29-1-604,C.R.S., states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603,C.R.S., and

WHERAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for High Plains Conservation District exceeded $100,000 for Fiscal Year 2022; and

WHERAS, an application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations, issued by the State Auditor.

NOW THEREFO, be it resolved/ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the High Plains Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for the High Plains Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31,2022, has been personal reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the High Plains Conservation District; that those members of the Board of Supervisors have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of , the application for exemption from audit for the High Plains Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31,2022

ADOPTED THIS February 14, 2023

Todd Thompson

President

ATTEST:

Steve Beedy

Secretary

Members of Governing Body

Print Name	Date Term Expires	Signature
Todd Thompson	5/2025	Todd Thompson
Steve Beedy	5/2023	Steve Beedy
Dale Felzine	5/2023	Dale Felzine
Shawn Boyd	5/2023	Shawn Boyd
Joe Higgins	5/2025	Joe Higgins