

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

**NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS**

Prairie Conservation District
318 5th Street
Hugo, CO 80821

**For the Year Ended
12/31/23
or fiscal year ended:**

**CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL**

Jennie McCasland
719-342-1602
highplainsconservation@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:
TITLE
FIRM NAME (if applicable)
ADDRESS
PHONE**

Jennie McCasland
District Manager
318 5th Street Hugo, CO 80821
719-342-1602

PREPARER <small>(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)</small>	DATE PREPARED				
<i>Jennie McCasland</i>	<i>2-15-24</i>				
Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small></th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small></th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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): Government Building lease	\$ 91,000	
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	\$ 8,625	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 187	
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	\$ 99,812	

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	\$ 665	
3-2	Salaries	\$ 2,989	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 561	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ 3,700	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 4,994	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 13,097	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 290	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 7,837	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
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	\$ 75	
3-24	Janatorial	\$ 4,800	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 39,008	

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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-4 Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)				
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lease & SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 & 96]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

*Must agree to prior year-end balance

	Yes	No
4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt? If yes: How much? \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date the debt was authorized: _____		
4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-7 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? If yes: What is the amount outstanding? \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
What are the annual lease payments? \$ _____		

Part 4 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach separate documentation, if needed

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	\$ 116,748	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ 11,498	
Total Cash Deposits		\$ 128,246
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
Money Market	\$ 2,860	
_____	\$ -	
_____	\$ -	
_____	\$ -	
Total Investments		\$ 2,860
Total Cash and Investments		\$ 131,106

	Yes	No	N/A
5-4 Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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? Yes No
- 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: Yes No

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 & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*must tie to prior year ending balance

Part 6 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach documentation, if needed:

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? Yes No
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan? Yes No
- 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?	\$ -

Part 7 - 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.? If no, **MUST** explain: Yes No N/A
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- 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain: Yes No N/A
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If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

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| 9-1 | Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?
<small>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.</small> | Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No
<input type="checkbox"/> |
|------------|---|--|--------------------------------|

If no, **MUST** explain:

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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| 10-1 | Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 450px;" type="text"/> | | | |
| 10-2 | Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If yes: **Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:**

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| 10-3 | Is the entity a metropolitan district?
Please indicate what services the entity provides: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input style="width: 600px;" type="text"/> | | | |

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| 10-4 | Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided: | | | |
| <input style="width: 600px;" type="text"/> | | | |

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| 10-5 | Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> during | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: Date Filed: <input style="width: 450px;" type="text"/> | | | |

- | | | | |
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| 10-6 | Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts): | | | |

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

- | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10-7 | NEW 2023! If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed on or after 7/1/2000, has the entity filed its preceding year annual report with the State Auditor as required under SB 21-262 [Section 32-1-207 C.R.S.]? If NO, please explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input style="width: 600px;" type="text"/> | | | | |

Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included:

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? YES NO

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.
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- 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,
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Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below.

A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.

Board Member 1	Print Board Member's Name Fred Poss	I Fred Poss , 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 <u><i>Fred Poss</i></u> Date:02/15/24 My term Expires:2027
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name Shelby Britten	I Shelby Britten , 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 <u><i>Shelby Britten</i></u> Date:02/15/24 My term Expires:2025
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name Barry Seymour	I Barry Seymour , 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 <u><i>Barry Seymour</i></u> Date:02/15/24 My term Expires:2025
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name Cole James	I Cole James , 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 <u><i>Cole James</i></u> Date:02/15/24 My term Expires:2027
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name Mark Allis	I Mark Allis , 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 <u><i>Mark Allis</i></u> Date:02/15/24 My term Expires:2027
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 2023 FOR THE Prairie Conservation District, STATE OF COLORADO.

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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for Prairie Conservation District exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, 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 Prairie Conservation District that the application for exemption from audit for the Prairie Conservation District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31,2023, has been personal reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the Prairie 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 Prairie Conservation District for the fiscal year ended December 31,2023

ADOPTED THIS February 15, 2024

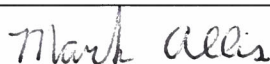



President

ATTEST:



Secretary

Members of Governing Body

Print Name	Date Term Expires	Signature
Mark Allis	5/2027	
Fred Poss	5/2027	
Barry Seymour	5/2025	
Shelby Britten	5/2025	
Cole James	5/2027	