



Colorado First Conservation District
 970-329-3145
 145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Minutes 11/9/2021

Place: 145 Commerce Street

Attendance: Board Members: Rod Cook, Wayne Counts, Bill Green, Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Ken Bekkedahl, Nick Charchalis, Colton Murray; NRCS: Nakayla Lestina, Rebecca Burton, Laurel Deitch; DCT: Jerry Magas; DM: Kacey Green

Call meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by Wayne Counts at 5:35 PM

Reading of Previous Minutes: Nick Moved and Ken seconded to approve minutes as stated. Motion passed

Treasure's Report: Ken moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Including a re-imbusement to Kacey for Charter internet bill for 2 months in the amount of \$159.98.

- New Bills for approval:**

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| Charter Internet | \$ 79.99 |
| Lewis Accounting | \$300.00 (QTRS 1-3) |
| NACD Dues | \$150.00 |
| Max Schmidt | \$450.00 PAM granular – pending order |
| Stand Creative | \$2250.00 Website Design |
| Advertising Costs for DCT | (\$300.00 allocated in DCT grant budget) |

Guests: none

Board Mileage and Time Report:

| Name | Time | Note |
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| Wayne Counts | 3 | |
| Nick Charchalis | 12 | Water and CACD |
| Colton Murray | 6 | Seed drills/ seed projects |
| Rod Cook | 3 | |
| Ken Bekkedahl | 6 | Land use/ water |
| Bill Green | 3 | |
| Jorgiea Raftopoulos | 3 | |

NRCS: Nakayla Lestina – discussed CSP end of year payments and upcoming deadlines for CSP and EQIP. Staffing limitations and vaccine mandates for COVID 19, and the possibility of being fully open for staff and public in March.

- Laurel Deitch – Presented Part I of Soil Structure

DCT Report: Jerry Magas is finishing up the last of his projects for NRCS and River Trailer. The trailer is back at the High School ag shop and Kacey will follow up on getting more fill, the painting done and the cover repaired. Jerry turned in his letter of resignation, with his last day being November 10th, 2021. The board expressed their appreciation of Jerry's time and work and he will be greatly missed.

District Manager Report: Kacey Green gave updates on the STAR grant and CSCB Matching grant. There are other grants available through CDA such as expanding local food supply, and energy efficiency. Kacey will email details on these opportunities. She will follow up with the county commissioners regarding the request for funding increase

- Expansions in drought relief programs include funding for feed and water, as well as an extension in time to buy back livestock sold due to drought.
- Soil Health Advisory Committee is asking for volunteers – the deadline to apply is November 30th
- Colorado Ag Water Alliance meeting in Winter Park – Dec 9-10

Old Business:

- Land Use Board – Ken gave updates on Over-appropriation designation. The designation is expected to happen in January, although the county and the district maintain advocating for delays in order to get water augmentation plans in place and further make sure all impacted water users are educated. Kacey will send email re: ideas on how to get the word out. Wolves are also another discussion at land use board, although no new information has come regarding this. Over 600 horses were removed from the Sandwash Basin HMA in the recent BLM gather. All agree that this is good news for the landscape.
- Seed Share Program – Colton reported that about 200 of the 400 acres have been spoken for. Kacey will take a flyer to Frontier Station and post on social media to get the rest of the seed out.

New Business:

- DCT Hire: As Jerry prepares to retire, the board will move forward with hiring a new DCT. 2022 funding has been secured, so the board reviewed the updated job description, and set a deadline of December 10th. Kacey will get announcement to newspaper, social media, job service, and will check with radio.
 - CACD Annual Meeting – Nov 15-19. Registration is free and on an individual basis
- Next Monthly Meeting:** December 14th 4:00 PM

Adjourn: Ken moved and Colton seconded to adjourn, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm, followed by cake and a goodbye celebration for Jerry

