

Minutes 4/13/2021

Place: Moffat County Courthouse: Conference Room

**NOTE: Agenda subject to changes and additions. Please note that the Board may discuss any topic relevant to CFCD business, whether or not the topic has been specifically noted on this agenda.*

Attendance: Wayne Counts – president, Bill Green – secretary/treasurer, Jorgiea Raftopoulos – board member, Nick Charchalis – board members, Rod Cook – board member, Jerry Magas – DCT, Kacey Green – DM

Virtual attendance: Kendall Smith – NRCS, Nakayla Lestina – NRCS, Rebecca Burton – NRCS, Laurel Dietch - NRCS

Call meeting to Order: Wayne called meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Reading of Previous Minutes: Rod moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve minutes, motion passed

Treasure's Report: Rod moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve treasurer's report and pay bills, except CACD which will be paid when we have more money in the general account - motion passed

➤ **New Bills for approval:**

Charter Internet		\$ 79.99
Dues	NACD	\$ 150.00
	CACD	\$ 1200.00
Moffat County FFA: Award Sign		\$ 35.00

Board Mileage and Time Report:

Name	Miles	Time	Note
Wayne Counts		4	Board meeting, producer meetings
Nick Charchalis		10	Water, soil health, board meetings
Colton Murray		NA	
Rod Cook		4	Board meeting/ producers
Ken Bekkedahl		NA	
Bill Green		4	Board meeting/ producers
Jorgiea Raftopoulos		4	Board meeting/ producers

NRCS: (see attached) Kendall Smith/ Nakayla Lestina – Kendall gave program updates and deadlines. NRCS Craig Field office has been an model for the state regarding the Conservation Planning First initiative. -Local Work group survey will be going out this week – please share with all landowners.

-Nakayla provided the civil Rights checklist for all board members to sign and be on file with our agency agreement. Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist was reviewed and signed.
-CFCD board members will set aside the 2nd and 3rd Friday of the next few months for field days with NRCS staff in order to get more hands on knowledge of local operations. Kacey will make the schedule.

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DCT Report: Jerry Magas gave the snowpack update. He mentioned the increasing difficulty of getting plans approved, as they all have to go through a state engineer.

-We have 25 wildlife escape ramps on hand, and the water trailer will be ready by Ag day on May 13.

District Manager Report: Kacey Green

-NFWF Grant pre-proposal has been submitted, and we should know in a few weeks if we are invited to submit a full proposal.

-Quarterly DCT Reports and Moffat county ¼ bill submitted

-Moffat County Commissioners Workshop will be April 14h, 2:00 PM in the same room. Kacey will have packets for each commissioner, and we will discuss budget and the possibility of increasing our yearly payment from \$12,500 to \$18,500

New Business:

- Soil Health Initiative updates – Nick discussed the hesitation of CACD to support the soil health bill as written. There is concern that CD's will become irrelevant and have to compete for funding through the new grant process. He is following the bill and initiative closely and will keep us updated. Laurel mentioned that part of the initiative is the STAR program (*Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources (S.T.A.R.)*) <https://starfreetool.com/about> This could be a useful tool for landowners as soil health becomes more front and center in ag.
- Upper Yampa Over-appropriation Designation - Kacey was able to visit with Will Myers. His suggestion was to have the district educate landowners, focusing mainly on well permits. CFCD will work on getting information and education put out on this subject.
- Kacey has been in contact with Jesse Schroeder at MCW&P, to discuss the balance on their weed account. \$25,000 has been sitting idle since January 2018. Jesse was able to receive approval to allow CFCD to use that money. The board discussed using this as matching cash for any grants applied for, and having it as a back-up in case payroll funds get short. (See *attached emails*)
- CPW has seed drills they are willing to lend out at no cost. Please refer landowners to Colton if they have seeding projects

Old Business: No old business

Next Monthly Meeting: May 11th, 6:30 pm – Location TBD

Adjourn: Rod moved and Jorgiea seconded to adjourn, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm

After meeting activity: Conservation District Supervisor Certification Course Module 1. Board

members created accounts and went through module 1 of the certification course.