



Colorado First Conservation District
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 145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Minutes 6/8/2021

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:

Board members: Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Rod Cook, Wayne Counts, Bill Green, Colton Murray DM: Kacey Green NRCS: Rebecca Burton, Laurel Dietch

Call meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Counts at 6:36 PM

Reading of Previous Minutes: Colton moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve minutes. Motion passed

Treasure's Report: Jorgiea moved and Colton seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and pay bills. Motion passed

- **New Bills for approval:**

Charter Internet	\$ 79.99
PAM granular 60 lbs	\$ 300.00
Col. State Forest Service Nursery	\$ 51.50

- Kacey asked about putting small payments (for PAM, misc) into petty cash. Colton moved that any cash payments to the district for \$20 or less can be added to petty cash rather than deposited. Rod seconded the motion, motion passed. Kacey will add petty cash transactions to the Treasurer's report.

Guests: No guests present

Board Mileage and Time Report:

Name	Miles	Time	Note
Wayne Counts		20	Bugs, weeds, water
Nick Charchalis		N/A	
Colton Murray		5	
Rod Cook		4	
Ken Bekkedahl		N/A	

Bill Green		8	NRCS staff tour
Jorgiea Raftopoulos		5	

NRCS: Rebecca and Laurel gave the NRCS updates, (See attached) on upcoming deadlines and staffing, as well as snowpack and stream flow forecasts.

- A question was asked whether or not a producer who was buying multiple wildlife escape ramps would be able to get the first one or two free. Since the ramps are by donation only, and all proceeds go to the local FFA, this is not feasible. For future, CFCD may start holding out cost of materials before donating to the FFA, particularly if prices continue to increase
- NRCS staff will be participating in National Resource Inventory training June 15-18th. Wayne volunteered his property as a possible location for the training if staff is unable to work on BLM lands.

DCT Report: Jerry Magas was on vacation – no update

District Manager Report: Kacey Green

- Ag Water Update was not well attended, but the time of year was difficult for producers. The feedback on speakers was positive, so if we plan this in the future, we should look at different timing. Kacey was able to attend the IWMP community meeting in Maybell, and plans to attend the next one in Craig, but has not heard a date and time on that one.
- Over-Appropriation fact sheet is available to anyone interested.
- The scholarship notice for Elizabeth Tate Severson was sent to the high school
- Kacey asked the board their thoughts on continuing to apply for grants. Right now she is trying to decide which grants would be beneficial and represent the district well. The board was in consensus that they are willing to back projects, as long as we are not over-committing time, as it is limited.

Old Business:

- Kacey and Laurel gave a brief overview of the HB21-1181: Soil health initiative and HB21-1242: agricultural drought and climate resilience. The program would allow districts to participate by promoting the STAR program to producers. Kacey will stay up to date as these programs roll out.
- HPP proposal update – Colton reported that there was no HPP meeting in June and the fiscal year ends July 1. The board is still interested in pursuing a proposal to purchase seed, which could then be used to help producers in land improvements. Wayne asked about the possibility of herbicide for weed control, but because the HPP already has their own weed program, Colton thought seed would be a more feasible ask. Discussions revolved around how the program might work, and it was decided that details can be worked out as funds become available.

- NRCS staff tour – Bill updated on the staff tour on his ranch. He thought it went well, and had positive feedback from Rebecca and Laurel.
- Schedule for upcoming NRCS tours
 - July 9th – Nick & Colton
 - August 13th – Wayne
 - September (tbd) – Jorgiea
- Tri-state letter – Kacey and Nick have not yet met with Jeff Comstock to draft a letter.

New Business:

- Acre-In-A-Box tour will be held next meeting at our regular meeting time. We will meet at the high school Ag shop and do the tour, and follow up with a soil presentation from Laurel.
- Rebecca will present in August or September

Next Monthly Meeting: July 13th, 6:30 pm – Moffat County High School Ag Shop

Adjourn: Rod moved to adjourn, Jorgiea seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM