



Colorado First Conservation District
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 145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Minutes 1/25/22

Place: Moffat County Courthouse

**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: Bill Green, Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Colton Murray, Wayne Counts, Nick Charchalis DM : Kacey Green

Call meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Wayne Counts

Reading of Previous Minutes: Jorgiea moved and Nick seconded to approve minutes from December 2021. Motion passed

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

- **New Bills and Donations for approval:**

Charter Internet	\$ 79.99
Ag in the Classroom	\$ 150.00

Guests: Jeff Comstock – Moffat County Natural Resources

Board Mileage and Time Report:

Name	Miles	Time	Note
Wayne Counts	2		
Nick Charchalis	30		CACD - STAR
Colton Murray	2		
Rod Cook	NA		
Ken Bekkedahl	NA		
Bill Green	2		
Jorgiea Raftopoulos	2		

NRCS:

See January 11th meeting minutes

CSU Extension:

See January 11th meeting minutes

DCT Report: Chelsee Camblin submitted a resume for the DCT position. Chelsee has been in contact with Kacey regarding flexibility of the position, as she runs another business. The board agreed that as long as the schedule could be worked out between Chelsee and Nakayla (DC), they didn't have a problem working around her schedule. The board agreed that with her agriculture background and experience, she would be a good candidate. Kacey will set up a meeting with Chelsee and Nakayla to discuss schedule. Jorgiea moved and Nick seconded to offer the DCT position to Chelsee if she accepted. Motion passed.

District Manager Report: Kacey Green

- Grant updates for STAR and Producer cost-share program. Kacey attended an online training for STAR on January 24th where more information was shared. She is working on the application for Producer Cost Share Program which will be available at the annual meeting.
 - Colton moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve the list of STAR plus participants as follows: Steve Raftopoulos, Colton Murray, Nick Charchalis, Wayne Counts, Frank Kawcak, Mike Camblin, Sharon Skwarek. Motion passed. Kacey is waiting to hear back from the NRCS soil health team to approve Nick as a 4th board member. We will invite all participants to an informational meeting on March 8th at 5:30 PM following our monthly board meeting.
- Finishing up year-end documents and tax info

Old Business:

- Land Use Board N/A
- Seed Share Program – Colton reported that there is still about 200 acres of seed left.
- Compost Project/ Innovative Regeneration - Bill suggested that the district support the project as a community partner, but did not feel there was enough information or solid enough plan to offer financial support. Jorgiea agreed – she liked the concept and what Mark is doing, but did not think financial support was wise at this time.
- Jeff Comstock had an update regarding the Trans-west sage grouse mitigation funds. There are now weekly meetings to discuss the project. Approximately \$5 million will be paid to the BLM for sage grouse mitigation. Currently, the BLM is writing the criteria for a fiscal manager. Jeff has mentioned our name to keep us in the loop – is this something we are still interested in? The board agreed that yes, we are still interested, but we would like to see the criteria once it is published to decide if it is something our organization can handle. There is also a separated opportunity to have a seat on the group that decides which projects are funded and how the money is spent.

New Business:

- Elections:
 - Colton moved and Jorgiea seconded to adopt the Elections Resolution. Motion passed. Bill Green, Ken Bekkedahl, and Wayne Counts are up for re-election in 2022. The 3 all signed self nomination forms.
 - Colton moved and Nick seconded to name Kacey Green as the Designated Official for elections. Motion passed.
- Bill and Jorgiea would like to move forward with offering a scholarship again in 2022. Kacey will get information to the high school. Colton moved and Jorgiea seconded to offer a scholarship in 2022. Amount to be determined at the time applications are received. Motion passed.
- Bill moved and Colton seconded to pay the MoCo FFA make an award sign for Conservationist of the Year winner Bret Grandbouche. Motion passed.
- Annual Meeting – Tuesday, February 15th
 - Nakayla will put a presentation together for Conservationist of the Year winner Bret Grandbouche. She will reach out to Wayne Counts if needed to help her with this project.
 - Colton moved and Jorgiea seconded to pay up to \$100 for a hotel room for CSU speaker Annie Overlin.
 - Nick suggested that we take up a donation for Boulder County CD to help ag producers who may have been affected by the Marshall fire. The board agreed – Kacey will contact them and see what their most pressing needs are.
 - The meal will be ordered through KS Creations. Cost will be Approx \$15 per person. We will set up a suggested \$10 donation at the entry table
 - Elkhead Wranglers 4H club will send two groups of volunteers – one to help set up tables at 3:30 and another to help serve dinner at 5:00
- Long Range Plan
 - Changes were made as necessary. No major changes were deemed necessary, but there was removal of some language regarding small acreage and language added to reflect the District goals and to discuss soil health where appropriate. Colton Moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve the Long Range Plan for 2022-2024. Motion passed

Next Monthly Meeting: Annual Meeting February 15th, 2022

Adjourn: Jorgiea moved and Nick seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM