

CFCD District Meeting 8/3/22 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by board President Wayne Counts at 11:30 am

Present: Board Members: Wayne Counts, Bill Green, Ken Bekkedahl, Rod Cook, Nick Charchalis, Colton Murray NRCS: Laurel Dietch DCT: Chelsee Camblin DM: Kacey Green

Minutes from 6/15/22 were read. Colton moved and Nick seconded to approve minutes. Motion passed Treasurer's report and bills were presented. Colton moved and Nick seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, motion passed.

Nick moved and Colton seconded to move excess funds into reserves to meet the statutory requirements as well as earn a higher interest rate. Motion passed

Kacey presented a budget snapshot (attached) which broke out grant income and expenditures. This meeting will focus largely on budget and projects for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023.

STAR Plus:

- \$2000 per producer per year (next 3 years), provided all producers say enrolled
- Expanded equipment grant ideas were discussed: (soil probe, hay core tool, laser level, mapping drone, post pounder (universal hitch), single ripper shank (squirrels, the compaction equipment will create will be less than damage from the squirrels) Could possible to a deposit/rent items out
- Kacey will put together a proposal to submit to CDA Soil Health Program
- Ken moved and Rod seconded to approve equipment grant and re-imbusement submissions for:
 - Kawcak, Murray, Camblin and Counts
 - Motion Passed - Kacey will submit

CSCB Matching Grant - \$1000 per project- up to \$1,000.00

- 8 total - (4 paid, 1 pending, 4 to approve)
- Grant has been applied for 2023, with the cost share amount raised to \$2500 per project
- Colton Moved and Ken seconded to approve project applications for:
 - Butler, Raftopoulos, Kawcak

Nick suggested that applications showing soil health improvements should be given greater consideration. Colton mentioned that there is still plenty of money in the pool, but if applications start coming in, then that would be a better time to be more critical. Squirrels are still a huge problem in Moffat County and much discussion followed regarding licensed squirrel control contractors, baits and badger control. Without controlling the squirrels first, not much else can be done to improve soil health. One more consideration for the equipment grant would be a single ripper shank to break up burrows and curb re-infestation. Kacey will follow up with the state board and make sure that contractors can be paid, or if they must be licensed for pest control. Motion passed

Moffat County Budget Request

Wayne suggested the district increase our annual ask to \$19,500.00

CACD - Demonstration Site approved

- Give Junior what we want done, have him do
- Colton can't till & spray
- Meeker Plant Center, seed mixes native species

America the Beautiful Grant - possibility of \$100,000

Regional project focusing on Bulbous bluegrass & cheatgrass for improved grazing, and reduced wildfire risk

• Cost Share basis, many ideas were suggested on the best way to set up the share

- District buys chemical, landowner pays for application
 - District cost shares 50/50
 - District pays a flat rate per acre for treatment (\$25-30)
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- Rejuvra pricing is the biggest obstacle to application
 - \$14 - 20 Ariel Application depending on distance from the airport
 - \$39.63 Chemical
 - = \$55-60 / Acre, and chemical is active for 4 years+
 - Committee: Nick, Bill and Colton volunteered to be on a committee that brings partners to the table for a workshop
 - Partners
 - Mountain Air Spray
 - Frontier Station
 - Brannans
 - Jesse (Co Weed & Pest)
 - Bayer
 - Bob Timberman (US Fish & Wildlife)
 - CPW - Ray Aberle
 - Rachel Portwood - Brown National Park
 - Doug Davis
 - Kacey will set a follow-up meeting with these partners.

Nick Moved and Colton seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM followed by employee annual evaluations and a letter of consideration from Kacey (attached).

Colton moved and Nick Seconded to approve the pay raise requested by Kacey. Motion passed. See attached.