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**Minutes 1/16/25**

**Place:** 145 Commerce Street

***\*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, Wayne Counts, Colton Murray, Nick Charchalis, Rod Cook, Steve Hinkemeyer (zoom) District staff – Kacey Green, Nicky Boulger, Mark Lowrey NRCS – Rebecca Burton **Guests:** Doug Davis

**Call meeting to Order:** Colton called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM

**Reading of Previous Minutes:** Wayne moved and Rod seconded to approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion passed

**Treasure's Report:** Wayne moved and Rod seconded to approve Treasurer’s report. Motion passed. It was requested to make the font bigger.

**Committee Report:**

NFWF Sage Grouse Committee met at 4:00 1/16/25 – Colton updated (see committee minutes)

**Board Time Report:**

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| **Name** | **Time**  | **Note** |
| Wayne Counts | **4** |  |
| Nick Charchalis | **4** |  |
| Colton Murray | **4** |  |
| Rod Cook | **2** |  |
| Stephen Hinkemeyer | **20** |  |
| Bill Green | **3** |  |
| Jorgiea Raftopoulos | **N/A** |  |

**NRCS Report –** Laurel updated on programs, subprograms and deadlines. Act Now and RCPP are taking precedence as deadlines and turn-around times are tight. Stormy Concoby moved to Oregon, but is able to still help with some projects remotely for a time. NRCS is actively looking for TSPs, including engineers. There is an Urban Ag grant that is due March 10th that is looking to fund innovative production. Doug thanked the NRCS staff for their hard work and quick wrap up of projects.

**DCT Reports**

* Mark Lowrey gave updates on America the Beautiful (ATB), which is on hold now for weather. There are projects in the queue for spring.
* Nicky Boulger updated on wrapping up the STAR with round 2 participants. She is now working directly with NRCS and planning projects, and is very close to being a certified planner – congrats Nicky!

**District Manager Report:**

* Kacey Green reported that most grant projects are on hold until spring. Nicky has been instrumental in planning the annual meeting, and we are rolling right along on presenters and plans.
* Please turn in self nominations if you would like to stay on the board: Wayne, Bill and Steve

**Old Business:**

* Land Use Board – Steve reported that there was no meeting in January
* AES Solar comments – Steve moved and Bill seconded to have Kacey submit board comments on conservation plan to MC Planning and Zoning (copy available upon request). Motion passed. Steve said that AES was maybe 20% in to the process, and it is still very early. If approved at the next BOCC meeting, the board will have a chance to discuss further plans and comment again. There was interest shown on the part of AES to set up a phone call meeting with the board.

Nick expressed concerns about the “agrivoltaics” language, and would like to make other language stronger, such as adding “may require” and a time frame for re-vegetation plan. NRCS does have a tech note to establish vegetation. There was discussion about how with each application, comments should be tailored. Nick will discuss with CACD the possibility of getting this model of conservation planning from renewable energy companies into legislation.

The BOCC would like CFCD’s input on bonding requirements.

**New Business:**

* Annual Meeting: **Tuesday, February 18th** plans are coming together. Please continue to get door prizes as assigned. \*Kacey will send an email regarding Conservationist of the Year\*. We will set up at 3:00 unless otherwise notified

**Next Monthly Meeting**: will be the annual meeting, then Tuesday March 11th at 4:30

**Adjourn –** Bill moved to adjourn, Nick seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm