



Colorado First Conservation District
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145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Minutes 5/12/26

Place: USDA Office 145 Commerce Street Craig, CO

**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 - Doug Davis, Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Colton Murray, Rod Cook, Nick Charchalis Staff - Kacey Green, Cassie Lamb, Mark Lowrey, Nicky Boulger NRCS - Nakayla Lestina

Call meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:15 by President Jorgiea Raftopoulos

Reading of Previous Minutes: Colton moved to approve April minutes. Doug seconded the motion - motion passed

Treasure's Report: Kacey corrected transactions on payroll account. Colton moved to accept the Treasurer's report as corrected, Doug seconded. Motion passed

Guests: There were no guests present

Board Time Report:

Name	Time	Note
Wayne Counts	N/A	
Nick Charchalis	8	
Colton Murray	15	
Rod Cook	4	
Stephen Hinkemeyer	N/A	
Doug Davis	8	
Jorgiea Raftopoulos	5	

NRCS UPDATE: Nakayla Lestina reported that NRCS is working on obligations, contracting - all is going as planned barring any unforeseen delays. There are a couple of stand-by applications in case anyone turns down their awarded contract. The office is caught up on engineering with a few still to be completed. There is a fairly even split on EQIP projects between irrigation and livestock water projects.

DCT Report: Nicky Boulger has been helping the NRCS Engineer Vance with surveying and field work, as well as working on new NRCS applications. For the district, tree sales went very well and asked to do a Fall 2026 order. Board agreed.

District Manager Report: Kacey Green has been working with the accountant on audit. Updates were given on BIL and ATB grants. Those are reaching a point that are almost complete and need to be done by fall so final reports can be completed.

Does the board want to participate in the Moffat County Fair? Not this year. See how set up and traffic is and decide in 2027.

There were no scholarship applicants - Kacey reached out to ag teachers to encourage applications (even past deadline)

Old Business:

- Land Use Board – No meeting was held yet in May
- Kacey will get approved minutes to Bank of the San Juans so Wayne and Nick can work on getting accounts (BLM, Watershed) moved to Yampa Valley Bank. The district is subject to the \$250k insurance limitation, but the bank offers “sweep accounts” where insurance is outsourced at no cost to us, and the money is still readily available if needed. Northwest weed account will stay at BSJ because they are working on clearing that account in the next year or two.

New Business:

- Local Work Group Meeting June 9th 11:30 AM. Flyers and invitations will go out prior to the meeting. Lunch will be served based on RSVPs

Committee Report:

NFWF Sage Grouse – Colton, Mark, Cassie, Kacey

Mark presented the new interactive map that will go on the website, and gave a project update on Tallent.

New projects passed in committee:

- McFarland - Colton moved, Doug seconded to approve \$3,344.00 to cover unanticipated costs. Motion passed
 - Kacey asked how to handle these in the future and if the board would like to build in a % to projects to cover these incidents. No, the board would prefer to revisit and approve on a case-by-case basis if a project comes in over budget.
- Balleck - Colton moved, Doug seconded to approve \$24,125.03. Motion passed
- K. Kawcak - Colton moved, Nick seconded to approve \$35,949.99. Motion passed
- Bobcat Ranch - Doug moved, Rod seconded to approve \$39,935.00. Colton abstained from vote, Motion passed
- Envu Rangeview - Colton moved, Doug seconded to approve Rangeview for Balleck and Kawcak up to \$3,414.00, but there is credit from previous projects. Cassie has an email to them for credit balance, but has not heard back yet. Motion passed

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th 2026 at 4:00

Adjourn Doug moved, Rod seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM