



Colorado First Conservation District
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145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Minutes 9/13/22

Place: 145 Commerce Street

**NOTE: Agenda subject to changes and additions. Please note that the Board may discuss any topic relevant to CFCO business, whether or not the topic has been specifically noted on this agenda.*

Attendance: Board Members: Colton Murray, Wayne Counts, Ken Bekkedahl, Bill Green, Nick Charchalis, Jorgiea Raftopoulos DM: Kacey Green DCT:Chelsee Camblin NRCS: Nakayla Lesinta, Rebecca Burton, Laurel Deitch, Stormy Concoby Guests: Doug Davis, Jr. Kawcak, Adam Tucker

Call meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Wayne Counts

Reading of Previous Minutes: Colton moved and Ken seconded to approve the minutes from 8/3/22. Motion passed

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

- **New Bills for approval:**

Charter Internet	\$ 79.99	Internet
AdobePro	\$14.00	Document Software
Seasoned Brisket	\$199.97	Meeting expense
City Market	\$15.11	Meeting expense
NP, Wht, Ympa Watershed	\$100.00	2022 dues
Print Shop	\$110.00	Business Cards
Print Shop	\$279.00	Ink

Guests: Adam Tucker – Mountain Air Spray discussed application of Rejuvra for bulbous bluegrass and cheatgrass control. He has been involved in several trials, but it is too early to tell how effective the applications are. He is able to treat approx. 70 acres per plane load and they have seen people experimenting with different tank mixes such as glyphosate. Applications with tank mixes are typically done in early Spring or late Fall, while straight Rejuvra can be applied Summer through late Fall.

Jr. Kawcak is optimistic about the product as well as the project. His big concern is making sure that the treated ground would have enough other vegetation to recover. The last thing we want is to create bare ground. Treated ground cannot be reseeded unless it is drilled in deeper than 1/4in. He suggested looking in to grower rebates from Bayer or volume discounts of product. He suggested reaching out to partners to create a larger project area with more resources and add an educational/marketing piece.

Kacey will set up a committee meeting with possible partners before the next regular meeting of the board.

Board Mileage and Time Report:

Name		Time	Note
Wayne Counts		4	
Nick Charchalis		30	CACD - watershed
Colton Murray		10	HPP
Rod Cook		N/A	
Ken Bekkedahl		30	Club 20, land use
Bill Green		10	Cattlemen's Assoc.
Jorgiea Raftopoulos		4	

NRCS: Nakayla Lestina reported that NRCS is nearing the end of fiscal year. They are working on CSP reviews, certifications, and 2023 projects. Less than 50% of last year's applications were funded. The district will continue efforts to support and speak for NRCS and its programs.

DCT Report: Chelsea Camblin reported that STAR plus program is wrapping up for this year with all documents due October 1st

District Manager Report: Kacey Green

- Ken moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve matching grant applications for: Allen, Brewer, Murray, Gerber, Cattoor. This brings the total of approved projects to 14. The CSCB matching 2022 Application was submitted with a slight change to the maximum amount funded per project.
- Kacey, Colton, Nick, Laurel and Jr. Kawcak will coordinate a trip to the Meeker Plant materials center to visit about how to set up our CACD Demo Project

Old Business:

- Land Use Board – Ken and Doug Davis updated the board on discussions surrounding pumped water hydro storage for electricity. A private company wants to purchase land SE of Buck Peak, but nothing is confirmed at this time.
- Seed Share Program – Colton reported the NW Colorado HPP approved 500 acres of seed in the amount of \$32,500. Seed will be in at Frontier Station and ready for Fall planting. CPW also has 4 seed drills available to borrow. Seed needs to be in the ground by the end of June 2023

New Business:

- **The annual North Platte, White Yampa Watershed Meeting** will be Thursday, September 29th, 11:00 AM in CNCC Room 185. Following the meeting, we will go out to Nicks for a tour of squirrel damage.
- Ground Squirrels – special Local Needs permission information was shared, and this will be a main topic of discussion at the watershed meeting. Nick and Jesse Schroeder with MC weed and pest will take the lead on filling out the application

Next Monthly Meeting: October 11th 2022 at 4:30 PM

Adjourn: Colton moved to adjourn and Jorgiea seconded. Motion Passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

