



Colorado First Conservation District
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 145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Minutes 3/8/22

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 – Wayne Counts, Bill Green, Ken Bekkedahl, Rod Cook, Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Colton Murray, Nick Charchalis. NRCS – Nakayla Lestina, Stormy Concoby, Rebecca Burton, Laurel Dietch.

Call meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Wayne Counts

Reading of Previous Minutes: Ken moved and Jorgiea seconded to approve minutes. Motion passed

Treasure's Report: Jorgiea moved and Ken seconded to approve the Treasurers report, motion passed. Jorgiea moved and Rod seconded to pay the bills, motion passed.

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

Charter Internet	\$ 79.99 X2	(Feb/ March)
Print Shop	\$52.27	Postcards
Kacey Green	\$31.58 + 40.00	(annual mtg expenses)
Moffat County	\$125 .00	Pavilion Rent
CSU Nursery	\$70.00	Trees
Column	\$38.23	legal: elections call for nom
Column	\$29.98	legal: elections cancelation
The Copy Shop	\$246.55	Soil Health Manuals (8)
KS Creations	\$1120.00	Annual meeting meal

Guests: John Miller CSCB updated on happenings at the CSCB – Meeting was held on Jan 18 & 19th, Rakel Sanchez is leaving, and two CDs recently consolidated: Big Thompson and Ft. Collins

Board Mileage and Time Report:

Name	Time	Note
Wayne Counts	4	
Nick Charchalis	12	CACD
Colton Murray	5	
Rod Cook	3	
Ken Bekkedahl	6	Land use board

Bill Green	4	
Jorgiea Raftopoulos	3	

NRCS:

- Nakayla Lestina reported on upcoming NRCS deadlines – see attached and presented the 2022 water supply outlook. NRCS welcomed new staff member Stormy Concoy, soil conservationist. Local Work Group meeting will be in person again this year, taking place before July 15th. Kacey will help set up that meeting.
- With new staff coming on and field day visits getting interrupted last year, Nakayla would like to schedule those again soon. Kacey will coordinated with board members on best times.
- Rebecca Burton reported that she will be working on 2 new Z-dyke projects coming up in June and September.

DCT Report: Chelsee Camblin helped with the annual meeting and officially started in the office March 1st. Welcome!

District Manager Report: Kacey Green

- Grant updates
 - The first STAR producer meeting will take place immediately following this board meeting at 5:30. 7 participants are expected to attend. Kacey and Chelsee will be attending the in-person trainings on March 29 and 31.
 - CSCB Matching Grant applications are available, but no projects have been submitted yet. Kacey asked board members to help promote the program. Jorgiea contacted APHIS regarding squirrel control program, and they are just waiting on CPW approval.
- Annual rmeeting was well received, but feedback was that it went a little long. The panel discussion could be reduced to 3 members, if we continue that format next year. (See attached report)
- Annual Report submitted – see attached
- Accountant is working on Exempt from Audit

Old Business:

- Land Use Board
 - Ken reported that wolves were relisted as endangered in Colorado which will affect how the state is able to manage them. We do not know how this will affect conflicts, but as of right now producers can be compensated for death loss and possibly production costs.
 - The board in working on identifying Lands with Wilderness Characteristics and withdraw certain areas, as there is no multiple use happening

- Seed Share Program – Colton reported that 279 acres of seed has been used/ spoken for. (See attached report)
- Compost Project/ Innovative Regeneration. The board was still unclear on the scope and funds for the project presented by Mark Berkely. They all agreed that it seems like a great idea, and CFCD can certainly get behind promotion and connection with community, but at this time, will not offer financial support. Kacey will follow up with communication to Mark.

New Business:

- BLM mitigating funds – the BLM was sent a letter (see attached) formally requesting that the district be considered as third party fund holder for mitigation funds arising from power line construction in Moffat County. Kacey and Nick, along with Jeff Comstock met with BLM Alan Bittner via zoom. Alan expressed that the BLM was likely going to be using National Fish & Wildlife Foundation as the fund holder. The district and the county had been under the impression through several years of meetings, that CFCD would manage the funds. Alan expressed concern over the districts ability to handle large sums of money. Kacey and Nick have been in touch with local banking institutions to check options, learning that CFCD would be able to work with local banks to ensure funds were covered by FDIC. Jeff was in contact with the power companies, as well as other interested parties, working to convince them that CFCD was still interested and quite capable of the task. There has been no response to the letter yet.
- Goals and Objectives 2022 – Continue on with same goals set in 2021, with the intent to revisit after LWG meeting.
 - Elections – no new candidates expressed interest. Ken moved and Colton seconded to adopt the Resolution to cancel elections 2022. Motion passed.
- Moffat County Fair – Rod moved and Jorgiea seconded to pay \$30.00 to set up an informational table at the Moffat County Fair. Motion passed. Kacey will complete the registration form.
- Interest was expressed at the annual meeting for the district to host a manure management/ on farm compost workshop. The board agreed that we should work on this. Kacey will start making contacts, and John agreed to help.

Next Monthly Meeting: April 12th 2022 at 5:30 PM

Adjourn: Rod moved and Jorgiea seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm