



Colorado First Conservation District
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145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Minutes 6/15/22

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 – Nick Charchalis, Rod Cook, Colton Murray, Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Ken Bekkedahl, Bill Green.

NRCS – Nakayla Lestina, Sean Forehand.

DM – Kacey Green

Guest – Doug Davis

Call meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Nick

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

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

- **New Bills for approval:**

Charter Internet	\$ 79.99	Internet
AdobePro	\$14.00/month	Document Software
STAR hours	\$1,136.31	Chelsee
STAR hours	\$478.50	Kacey
Ron's Boot & Harness	\$187.00	River Trailer Cover – watershed
White River CD	\$250.00	Donation, range workshop

Guests:

Shawn Forehand from the area NRCS office attended as a guest

Doug Davis was present as a guest. He expressed interest in starting a regional effort to help control annual invasive bulbous bluegrass. This annual grass has become an increased problem, taking over pastures and fields and creating a fire hazard similar to cheatgrass. Concern was expressed about how this could affect hay exports from Moffat County. An effort needs to be made to raise awareness of this grass and long term control efforts. Kacey has been in contact with Ray Aberle at CPW, as well as Derek Sebastian at Bayer. Bayer has a pre-emergent product that has been tested on grazing lands and found to be a successful control. Adam Ortega at CDA has reached

out to the district and there is a possible fund of \$100,000 coming from the America the Beautiful grant pool. The board was interested in working with Doug and calling together other groups to coordinate a regional project. Details will be further discussed at the July meeting where we will set priorities and make a list of potential partner groups.

Board Mileage and Time Report:

Name	Time	Note
Wayne Counts	N/A	
Nick Charchalis	8	
Colton Murray	8	
Rod Cook	4	
Ken Bekkedahl	4	
Bill Green	4	
Jorgiea Raftopoulos	4	

NRCS: Nakayla Lestina introduced Sean Forehand and gave a brief overview of the QAR that was happening in the Craig and Meeker offices. Local Work Group Meeting will be held JUNE 23rd, 2:00 PM and all board members are invited to attend. The meeting will provide valuable feedback on NRCS funding pools and priorities for Moffat County.

DCT Report: Chelsee has been working on getting STAR consultation forms completed and will follow up with producers on soil sampling and field forms. She is working on various trainings for NRCS

District Manager Report: Kacey Green is working on a public service announcement due to concern of the upcoming Rainbow Family gathering impact on natural resources. It will be put out on social media

- CSCB Matching Grant: Review Applications for:
 - Darryl Steele – hounds tongue control project
 - Wayne Counts - soil health humus application equipment upgrade
 Colton moved and Ken seconded to approve the two projects and to renew the CSCB grant application for 2023. Motion Passed
- Kacey received an email from Bobbi Kettels that the CACD Demonstration Project on Jr. Kawcaks acreage on first street was approved. However, no further information has been sent.

- A new cover was made for the River Trailer, and Kacey will follow up with the water shed for reimbursement of the cost of \$187, paid to Ron's Boot & Harness repair
- Tree sales summary – see attached
- Range Workshop summary – see attached
- Board will need to approve an updated Family and Medical leave policy to stay current with laws.

Old Business:

- Land Use Board – Ken updated on mitigation funds coming from the new power lines. Approximately \$18 million will go to sage grouse mitigation and \$7 million to land with wilderness characteristics. It has also been mentioned that 80% of these funds will be put into conservation easement programs. The funds will be held with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), and distributed through grants.
- Seed Share Program – Colton will go to the HPP at the July meeting and ask to renew the seed share program. The funding structure has changed, and he will be able to ask for \$50,000. If renewed, the board may look into offering a few varieties of seed mixes. To consider: canby, sandberg, prairie junegrass as they are considered to compete with bulbous bluegrass

New Business:

- Bill Green took Oath of Office for term 2022 - 2025

Next Monthly Meeting: July 12th, 5:30 PM There will be a short business meeting, followed by a workshop to determine upcoming goals and projects

Adjourn: Colton moved and Jorgiea seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm