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**Minutes 4/8/25**

**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 – Steve Hinkemeyer, Colton Murray, Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Bill Green, Nick Charchalis, Wayne Counts, Rod Cook CFCD – Kacey Green, Mark Lowrey, Nicky Boulger NRCS – Nakayla Lestina Guest – Doug Davis

**Call meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jorgiea Raftopoulos at 4:35 PM

**Reading of Previous Minutes:** \*Vermillion project changed from “rejected” to “Tabled” Steve moved and Colton seconded to approve minutes as amended. Motion passed

**Treasure's Report:**

Bills: Nicky travel $ 217.60

 Cassie reimbursement for supply $

Colton moved, Steve seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report and pay the bills. Motion passed.

**Committee Report:** NFWF Sage Grouse – Colton, Mark, Cassie

2 projects have been tabled and 1 project was rejected based on committee recommendations. Nick mentioned that we are still learning the process and will be adjusting as we go. Wayne suggested that the grant language be sent out so that when approaching potential applicants, we are all speaking the same language. Kacey will add more specific language to the website and to the grant application. We are in need of one, possibly 2 landowner reps on the committee as Steve R. resigned and Doug may be moving into a board position. Mark reported that the demonstration or “show me” project is still on the table, we will just wait for the right one to come in vs. soliciting that project. It should consider real world grazing scenarios, instead of requiring a two year deferment, as the majority of landowner will not be on board with that.

Kacey reported that $76,000 in project costs has been allocated and will start presenting detailed budget report at next meeting.

Next committee meeting: *Tuesday, May 13th 2:00 PM*

**Board Time Report:**

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| **Name** | **Time**  | **Note** |
| Wayne Counts | **15** |  |
| Nick Charchalis | **15** |  |
| Colton Murray | **20** |  |
| Rod Cook | **4** |  |
| Stephen Hinkemeyer | **25** |  |
| Bill Green | **4** |  |
| Jorgiea Raftopoulos | **4** |  |

**NRCS UPDATE:** Nakayla gave updates on deadlines and projects. Right now, the office is working on pre-approvals and contracts. 4 CSP and 4 EQIP projects have been funded. More restructuring is happening at the federal level, and another Deferred Resignation Program was offered. We don’t yet know what that will look like for the area office staff, and what restructuring will eventually entail. So far, Colorado is estimating 30% reduction in staff (approx 220 employees). NRCS will update as they know. There has been no updates on Nakaylas IT request for conference room technology.

**DCT Report**: Nicky Boulger is picking up Laurel’s contracts since her resignation, and is working on a supplier for trees. She may have found a supplier in Rifle, but nothing is solid yet.

**District Manager Report:** Kacey Green

Grant Updates

 -ATB – Spring projects are moving along – Hamill and Wellman, along with Counts and Gerber **$64,053.00 is remaining in budget**

 -Producer Cost Share - only one project has been approved, the only applicants so far are repeat. Those will be considered in the order received at the July meeting. $18,500 is remaining in the budget.

 -Sage BIL No news if this funding has been released

 -Moffat County reduced budget to $15,000. The extra $5000 they allocated for us last year came from stimulus funds. Kacey will continue to request $20,000. Wayne asked is salary was ok, and Kacey said the extra can come from other grant administration costs this year.

 -Moffat County fair – do we want to set up and information booth? Steve suggested we set up for Friday and Saturday in order to promote grant programs. Booth is free for non-profits. Board will schedule times to man the booth. Kacey will turn in paperwork.

**Old Business:**

* Land Use Board – Steve – there was not a land use board meeting, but the county is working on the land use plan. It was last updated in 2002. There was an open commissioner meeting regarding a nuclear waste sight proposal. Right now the company is in public outreach phase.

**New Business:**

* Spring Watershed meeting has not been rescheduled yet. Nick will check with Kallie to see if there are notes from the last one.
* Local Work Group Meeting will be postponed until further notice due to staffing
* Bill Green board position – Bill would like to officially resign in June. Doug Davis has agreed to be appointed into this position. Formal paperwork will be signed a the June meeting when oaths of office are taken
* Board Member photo/ bio requested for website
* Scholarships were reviewed and awarded as follows:

 Jolene Rhyne $750

 Tate Green $750

 Alyssa Lewarne $500

* Nicky asked to travel to a Range Inventory class. Colton moved, Nick seconded to reimburse travel costs. Motion passed

**Next Monthly Meeting**: Tuesday, May 13th at 4:30 PM

**Adjourn** Colton moved and Steve seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM