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**Minutes 5/13/25**

**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 – Nick Charchalis, Colton Murray, Steve Hinkemeyer, Jorgiea Raftopoulos, Rod Cook, Bill Green CFCD Staff – Kacey Green, Mark Lowrey, Nicky Boulger, Cassie Lamb (online) NRCS – Nakayla Lestina Guests – Doug Davis, Rebecca Burton

**Call meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:48 PM by President Jorgiea Raftopoulos

**Reading of Previous Minutes:** Steve moved, Colton seconded to approve the minutes from previous meeting. Motion passed

**Treasure's Report:** Colton Moved and Steve seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed

**Board Time Report:**

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| **Name** | **Time**  | **Note** |
| Wayne Counts | **N/A** |  |
| Nick Charchalis | **20** |  |
| Colton Murray | **20** |  |
| Rod Cook | **4** |  |
| Stephen Hinkemeyer | **20** |  |
| Bill Green | **3** |  |
| Jorgiea Raftopoulos | **5** |  |

**NRCS UPDATE:** Nakayla reported that there are5-7 new applications and the staff is working through shortages. Nakayla has also been covering Steamboat and Walden offices, so all are stretched thin, and ask for patience in processes.

RCPP projects that were no selected were rolled into EQIP, and are still being worked on. They are shooting for June 1 obligation of these funds.

**DCT Report**: Nicky Boulger has been working on trees, helping Nakayla work through applications, CPA 52s and working with Vance training on surveying, etc. She is gathering seed mixes that we can give to customers and herbicides. She finalized all STAR documentation as that program comes to an end.

**District Manager Report:** Kacey Green

Grant Updates

* ATB is rolling along, with Wellman and Hamill complete – payments to be made
* Producer Cost Share program has not seen much action, but there are a few projects to review. We will review returning applicants at July meeting.
	+ - Eldon Gerber Family ranch and Aric Gerber will be considered in July – Kacey will clarify which entity, and ownership vs leased land
		- Foster Beckett - Steve Moved and Colton seconded to approve. Motion passed
		- Paul Anderson – Colton moved and Steve seconded to table, requesting changes to include deeded land only. Nicky will follow up with Paul
* Sage BIL has been released. Kacey is working with Dominic and Sage Grouse committee to see which projects would align with these funds.
* Axial basin spray project – Moffat County and Tri-state to aerial spray white-top. Bill moved, Colton seconded to approve $10,000 to run through BIL grant. Motion passed.
* STAR has wrapped up, and Nicky has completed all paperwork. Kacey has applied for a NexGen ag leadership grant to continue working on soil health, and Nicky has expressed interest in continuing this. The grant sets up a mentor program for new and young ag producers. We should find out around the first of June if we are awarded funding.

**Old Business:**

* **Land Use Board** – Steve – land use board discussions have mainly revolved around the closing of the power plant and community discussions. The water augmentation plan is in water court and may have conclusion by end of year. The land use plan has been updated to include items such as: vegetation & soils, wildland fires, political initiatives, no net loss of private land, travel management/ access, wild horse management and wolf language. The updated plan was approved by board and will be presented to Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for approval.
* **Committee Report:** NFWF Sage Grouse – Colton, Mark, Cassie

Projects approved by committee:

 Gerber – Colton moved, Bill seconded to approve based on committee recommendation. Motion passed

 Nottingham - Colton moved, Rod seconded to approve based on committee recommendation. Motion passed

 Budget report – Kacey – see attached

 Mark asked if reimbursements can be done on a two-week basis, and the board approved.

 Vehicle reimbursement has increased to .$70/ mile. It was asked it ATV’s are covered under insurance, and they are not. Mark will look into the BLM for possible ATV us, and Cassie might consider extending her insurance to business use.

**New Business:**

* Local Work Group Meeting will be held May 29th Or June 12th. Nakayla will let Kacey know when the deadline is. Colton moved and Steve seconded to buy lunch. Motion passed.
* Need Board Member photo/ bio from Colton, and Kacey will get these up on the website.
* Next meeting, newly elected board members will take Oath of Office and we will elect officers.

**Next Monthly Meeting**: Tuesday, June 10th at 4:30 PM. Sage Grouse committee will meet June 10th at 2:00 PM

Colton moved to adjourn, Nick seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM