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Crook County Natural Resource District (CCNRD)
October 13th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm Sundance USDA Service Center

Attendance: CCNRD Board of Supervisors: Wayne Garman, Lily Altaffer, Casey Devish. CCNRD Employees: Sarah Anderson, Justice Miller. Guests: Tim Kellogg, Campbell County NRCS District Conservationist.

The October 13th, 2026 Board Meeting was called to order by Wayne Garman at 12:00 pm.

Guest Updates: Tim Kellogg, NRCS District Conservationist from Campbell County will fill-in for Crook County one to two days a week until a permanent position can be filled. Tim spoke about the NRCS reorganization and provided program updates. The next NRCS batching date is November 6th.

Staff Updates:

Rangeland Health Improvement
Justice Miller continues to meet with producers to write grazing plans for the NRCS. Justice continues his OWITS rangeland and wildlife health improvement projects and is currently working on three project designs.

Water Quality Improvement
Justice Miller closed out the WDA TMDL Evaluation grant. He provided a map for the Board to review with BMPs in the Belle Fourche River Watershed. Justice submitted a WDA proposal for water quality improvement projects and was awarded $20,000.00 for projects near Rush Creek. Justice is proposing another project for Russian Olive removal near Keyhole and is communicating with partnering agencies on funding opportunities. Justice stated the WDEQ 319 Agreement should arrive this month. He plans on meeting with WDEQ for a watershed tour on November 9th. Justice stated he plans on removing the data loggers within the next month.

Soil Health Improvement
The CCNRD submitted a Letter of Intent to Plank Stewardship and will continue conversations with them over the next month.

Forest Health & Hazardous Fuels Reductions
Sarah Anderson spoke about the 2025 NACD TA proposal and 2024 NACD TA closeout reporting. Sarah stated the CCNRD should be receiving the WSFD Forest Health Agreement this week and should be able to commence hazardous fuels reduction and forest health improvement projects this winter. She stated the Weston County and Crook County Natural Resource Districts joint funding opportunity has allowed them to hire a contractor to help design mutually beneficial forestry projects.

Local Issues and Events

Data Center: The Board discussed "responsible data center development forums" in Wyoming and Tim said the Wyoming Outdoor Council will be hosting a forum in Gillette October 22; more information can be found at https://wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org/events.

Rare Earth Mining: The Board discussed stakeholder concerns to the proposed rare earth mine; communications with WDA regarding permittee displacement; and impacts to the watershed.

Forest Plan Revision: Sarah Anderson spoke to the BHNF Forest Plan Revision cooperating agency meetings.

Pipeline Expansion: Justice Miller has been attending Bridger Pipeline meetings and provided updates to the Board.

Financials: The Board reviewed financial documents and reconciliations reports for September. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Casey Devish. No discussion. Motion carried. Lily Altaffer made a motion to transfer $8,823.50 of base funding from the checking account to the general savings account and $880.00 from the non-public funds to the checking account; seconded by Casey Devish. No discussion. Motion carried.**

Minutes: The Board reviewed Minutes from the September meeting. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to approve the September 2026 Minutes; seconded by Casey Devish. No discussion. Motion carried.**

New Business: The Board discussed WACD's proposed policy revisions for 2026. The Board discussed the most recent Civic Plus invoice of $3,000.00. **Lily Altaffer made a motion not to renew the contract with Civic Plus if they will not honor their original fee amount; seconded by Casey Devish. No discussion. Motion carried.**

Other Business: The Board discussed Justice Miller's participation at the SRM Conference and requested he provide an update when he returns. The Board discussed the WACD Convention; Wayne Garman, Casey Devish, Justice Miller and Sarah Anderson will be attending.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 10th, 2026.

Adjournment: Casey Devish made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:15 pm; seconded by Lily Altaffer. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Anderson (Signature):

Sarah D Anderson Date: 11/10/2026

Chairman Signature:

Wayne J Garman Date: 11/10/2026