



**Crook County Natural Resource District (CCNRD)
September 8th, 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: Anna Lampert and Jenni Linn.

The August 11th, 2026 Board Meeting was called to order by Wayne Garman at 12:00 pm.

Staff Updates:

Rangeland Health Improvement

Justice Miller continues to meet with producers to write grazing plans for the NRCS. Justice attended an OWITS meeting and reviewed rangeland and wildlife health improvement applications; the review team approved two applications.

Water Quality Improvement

Justice Miller plans on removing the data loggers within the next two months.

Soil Health Improvement

No update.

Forest Health & Hazardous Fuels Reductions

Sarah Anderson completed an amended proposal for hazardous fuels reduction and forest health improvement projects throughout the county. Quintin Peterson is continuing to meet with landowners to design fuels reduction and forest health projects.

Local Issues and Events

Rare earth mining: The Board and guests discussed stakeholder concerns to the proposed rare earth mine; public meetings and private meetings.

Forest plan revision: Sarah Anderson spoke to the BHNH Forest Plan Revision cooperating agency meetings.

Pipeline expansion: Justice Miller has been attending Bridger Pipeline meetings and provided comments related to route preference, reclamation, weed control, and other natural resource concerns.

Electronic recycling event: The electronic recycling facility the CCNRD utilizes is not able to offer services for the fall or winter of 2026; the Board discussed options and determined it would be best to hold the electronic recycling event in the spring of 2027.

Financials: The Board reviewed financial documents for August. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Casey Devish. No discussion. Motion carried.** The Board reviewed the internal audit documents. **Casey Devish made a motion to approve the Internal Control Evaluation Worksheet, the Local Government Annual Report Summary, Proof of Cash Worksheet, Bank Reconciliation and F-32 Census Document; seconded by Lily Altaffer. No discussion. Motion carried.**

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

New Business: The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed resolution presented to them. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to approve the “Recognizing Local Expertise and Meaningful Participation in Efficient Federal Environmental Review” resolution as presented; seconded by Casey Devish. No discussion. Motion carried.** The Board reviewed the Plank Stewardship Initiative letter of interest for a rangeland resilience initiative. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to approve the Plank Stewardship Initiative Letter of Interest—Rangeland Resilience Initiative as presented; seconded by Casey Devish. No discussion. Motion carried.**

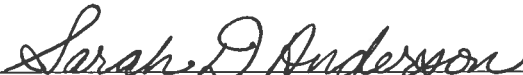
Other Business: The Board discussed office staff, projects, and the future of various programs. NRCS is going through a national reorganization and the USDA Service Center in Sundance will have a reduction in staff. Quintin Peterson requested to reduce his hours to part-time status.

The Board entered executive session to discuss personnel issues at 3:41pm. The Board exited executive session at 3:48pm. **Casey Devish made a motion to approve a \$1.00 an hour raise for Justice Miller; seconded by Lily Altaffer. Motion carried.**

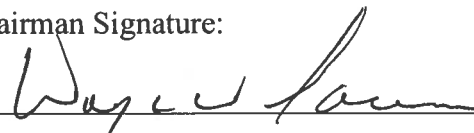
The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 13th, 2026.

Adjournment: Casey Devish made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 3:55 pm; seconded by Lily Altaffer. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Anderson (Signature):

 Date: 10/13/2026

Chairman Signature:

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