



**Crook County Natural Resource District (CCNRD)
April 14th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm Sundance USDA Service Center**

Attendance: CCNRD Board of Supervisors: Wayne Garman, Lily Altaffer, Kim Fundaun, Wanda Burget, Casey Devish (online). CCNRD Employees: Sarah Anderson, Justice Miller, Quintin Peterson (online). CCNRD Guest: Keela Deaton

The April 14th, 2026 Board meeting was called to order by Lily Altaffer at 12:05 pm.

Guest Updates: NRCS District Conservationist Keela Deaton provided an update on NRCS programs, including the new Regenerative Pilot Program, which consists of 5-year contracts. She currently has \$2.4 million dollars of applications and will contract soon. She spoke about the recent NRCS Area Meeting in Gillette and outcomes.

Staff Updates: Staff updated the Board on their Wyoming Conservation District Employee Association training in Casper. Sarah Anderson provided forest health improvement and hazardous fuels reduction project updates; partner and landowner meeting updates; a meeting with USDA Chief Tom Schultz in Rapid City, SD; and an update on the USFS Black Hills NF, Forest Plan Revision Cooperating Agency meetings.

Justice Miller provided an update to the Board regarding the 2026 tree sale. He provided an update on the WDEQ 319 Project Implementation Plan he is working on and should be finalizing it soon. Justice met with the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot board and presented his OWITS-RHIP draft agreement and application. He will also be working with NRCS on grazing plans for the NRCS Collaborative Cooperative grant. Justice plans on applying for two WDA RHAP funds. The Board reviewed the OWITS-RHIP draft agreement. **Wanda Burget made a motion to approve the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot grant funding agreement; Lily Altaffer seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.**

Financials: The Board reviewed financial documents for March. **Wanda Burget made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Wayne Garman. No discussion. Motion carried.**

Minutes: The Board reviewed Minutes from the March meeting. **Kim Fundaun made a motion to approve the March 12th, 2026 Minutes; seconded by Wanda Burget seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.**

Other: The Board discussed local issues. **Wanda Burget made a motion to participate in the rare earth mining project as a participating agency; seconded by Wayne Garman. . No discussion. Motion carried. Wanda Burget made a motion to participate in the Bridger Expansion pipeline as a cooperating agency; seconded by Casey Devish; seconded. . No discussion. Motion carried.**




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The Board discussed trading the Tahoe/Explorer/enclosed trailer for a truck and/or trailer. They discussed auction opportunities versus selling outright. Staff will look into options.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 12th.

Adjournment: Casey Devish made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 1:56 pm; seconded by Kim Fundaun; seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Anderson (Signature):

 Date: 04/30/2026

Chairman Signature:

 Date: 5/12/2025