



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

Attendance: CCNRD Board of Supervisors: Wayne Garman, Lily Altaffer, Wanda Burget, Casey Devish. **CCNRD Employees:** Sarah Anderson, Justice Miller, Quintin Peterson.

The July 14th, 2026 Board Meeting and Budget Hearing was called to order by Wayne Garman at 12:10 pm.

Staff Updates: Quintin Peterson stated that staff attended the Wyoming Governor's Funding Summit in Gillette and spoke about new grant opportunities and changes in federal funding requirements.

Rangeland Health Improvement

Justice Miller provided updates related to his draft proposal for the NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) related to virtual fence projects. The Rangeland Health Improvement Program is currently accepting applications, and he will be meeting with the OWITS Board to rank applications. Justice and Quintin have been conducting forage sampling surveys to help landowners with voluntary grazing plans.

Water Quality Improvement

Justice and Quintin have been participating in water quality modules and will be attending an in-person water quality training in Lander July 15th and 16th. Justice met with WDEQ to communicate about the CCNRD's water quality improvement application for the Belle Fourche River Watershed.

Soil Health Improvement

Sarah Anderson communicated with the Board about invoicing producers for forage and soil samples associated with the NRCS RPP protocols. The Board discussed projected fees.

Forest Health & Hazardous Fuels Reductions

Sarah updated the Board on hazardous fuels reduction projects throughout the county. The CCNRD was a recipient of forest health improvement and hazardous fuels reduction funding from the State of Wyoming; agreements from the State are expected by September.

Local Issues

Justice updated the Board on the Bridger Pipeline meetings he has attended and conveyed that he will be providing comments prior to July 17th related to route preference, reclamation, weed control, and other natural resource concerns. Sarah spoke to the BHNF Forest Plan Revision cooperating agency meetings. Sarah and Quintin provided updates about rare earth mining conversations and concerns from local stakeholders; they conveyed the July 7th Commissioners meeting was well attended by Miller Creek Road residents. The CCNRD drafted a letter to the USFS regarding concerns related to water quality, air quality, soil quality, and access to/from the proposed rare earth mine near Bull Hill in the Bear Lodge Mountains. The Board discussed the letter addressing natural resource concerns and impacts to local communities related to rare earth

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mining in the Bear Lodge Mountains and determined it would be helpful to send it to WDEQ too. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to approve the letter to the USFS and WDEQ; Wanda Burget seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.**

Financials: The Board reviewed financial documents for June. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Wanda Burget. No discussion. Motion carried.** The Board reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 budget. **Wanda Burget made a motion to approve the FY27 budget as presented; Lily Altaffer seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.**

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

New Business: The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed subdivision fees. **Casey Devish made a motion to approve the proposed subdivision fee increase as presented; seconded by Lily Altaffer seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.**

The Board discussed potential new Board members. **Casey Devish made a motion to approve Wanda Burget as an associate Board Member after her tenure in November; seconded by Lily Altaffer seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the Wyoming Department of Agriculture Lab Funds form. **Lily Altaffer made a motion to approve the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's *Intent to Use Lab Funds Statement for the 2027-2028 Biennium*, seconded by Wanda Burget. No discussion. Motion carried.**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 11th.

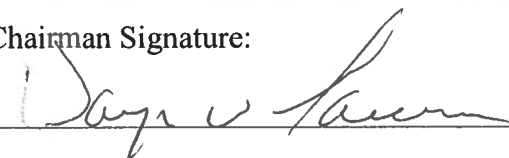
Adjournment: **Wanda Burget made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:47 pm; seconded by Lily Altaffer; seconded. Motion carried.**

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Anderson (Signature):



Date: 08.11.2026

Chairman Signature:



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