



**Crook County Natural Resource District (CCNRD)
August 11th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm Sundance USDA Service Center**

Attendance: CCNRD Board of Supervisors: Wayne Garman, Wanda Burget (online), Casey Devish. CCNRD Employees: Sarah Anderson, Justice Miller, Quintin Peterson.

The August 11th, 2026 Board Meeting was called to order by Wayne Garman at 12:10 pm.

Staff Updates:

Rangeland Health Improvement

Justice Miller submitted a proposal for the NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) for virtual fence projects throughout Crook County. The Rangeland Health Improvement Program is accepting applications for rangeland health projects.

Water Quality Improvement

Justice Miller and Quintin Peterson attended water quality training in Lander July 15th and 16th. Staff will be attending the third portion of the training in the spring.

Soil Health Improvement

Justice Miller conducted field visits with Keela Deaton from NRCS to sample forage and soil on agricultural and rangeland. Sarah Anderson will be invoicing producers for forage and soil samples taken and analyzed.

Forest Health & Hazardous Fuels Reductions

Sarah Anderson and Quintin Peterson updated the Board on hazardous fuels reduction and forest health improvement projects throughout the county. Applications are still being accepted, though most of the funding is allocated.

Local Issues and Events

Justice attended the Crook County fair and provided an information and education booth. He updated the Board on the Bridger Pipeline meetings and is providing comments related to route preference, reclamation, weed control, and other natural resource concerns.

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

Sarah and Quintin provided updates about rare earth mining meetings, conversations and concerns from local stakeholders. They attended two stakeholder meetings related to the proposed rare earth mine and plan on providing comment during the Notice of Intent public comment period.

Quintin is scheduling the fall electronic recycling event, which is posing challenges related to timing and trucking. Fees have increased and the Board is discussing various options.

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

Board of Supervisors

Chairman: Wayne Garman Vice Chairman: Lily Altaffer Treasurer: Wanda Burget Secretary: Kim Fundaun Member: Casey Devish

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

New Business: The Board reviewed and discussed the proof of bonding form and reviewed risk management practices. **Casey Devish made a motion to approve the Proof of Bonding form as presented; seconded by Wanda Burget. No discussion. Motion carried. Casey Devish made a motion to approve the Risk Management Practice form as presented; seconded by Wanda Burget. No discussion. Motion carried.**

The Board discussed accepting the Conservation Committee funds into the CCNRD non-public funds account.

NRCS is going through a national reorganization and the USDA Service Center in Sundance may be experiencing a turnover in the near future.

Quintin Peterson requested to reduce his hours to part-time status. The Board determined it would be best to discuss program and project options related to part-time work hours.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 8th.

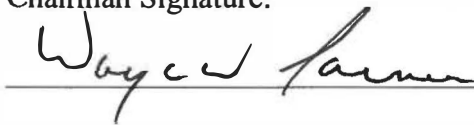
Adjournment: Casey Devish made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 1:47 pm; seconded by Wanda Burget. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Anderson (Signature):



Date: 09.08.2026

Chairman Signature:



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