

MINUTES

WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING

Regular Meeting, February 8, 2017

Location, Ogden, UT

ATTENDANCE:

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

Kevin Stratford, *Chairman*

Kelly Wansgard, *Supervisor*

Blair Hancock, *Supervisor*

Matthew Peterson, *Supervisor*

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

Loralie Cox, *Resource Coordinator*

National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

Jennie Cox, *NRCS*

Hannah Freeze, *Planner*

USU Extension:

Ron Patterson, *Extension Agent*

Helen Muntz, *Weber County Horticulture Agent*

Guests:

Heather Barnes, *Greenwood Charter School*

Annette DeFries

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WCD MEETING- CALL TO ORDER

WCD Chairman Kevin Stratford called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.. Mr. Stratford requests approval for minutes regarding the January 4, 2017 meeting. **A motion was made by Mr. Blair Hancock to approve the January 4, 2017 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Kelly Wansgard. The motion carried unanimously.**

GREENWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

Heather Barnes from Greenwood Charter School requested a donation from the conservation district to help support the development of a school garden. Greenwood is a public charter school and part of their mission is to teach students not only how food grows, but that it doesn't all come from a grocery store. Students will develop skills through planting, maintaining, harvesting and preparing food from the garden for themselves, and eventually, for the entire school. They are seeking sponsorship for garden beds and fencing. Heather brought a wish list with expenses, and after discussion **the district approved \$250 towards the project with Kevin Stratford making the motion and Blair Hancock giving a second.**

PLANNER UPDATE

Hannah Freeze, Planner, brought copies of a letter that's to be delivered to all dairymen that explains the AFO/CAFO compliance requirements. The Letter is signed by the State Environmental Stewardship Specialist, Jay Olsen, and the President of Utah Dairymen Association.

NRCS UPDATE

Jenny Cox, NRCS, reported that NRCS is in the ranking process for contracts, and that they sent some money back to the state NRCS due to the lack of personnel to process the contracts. They are working on contracts from producers who have requested strategic funding for specific projects such as North Summit , Marion Ditch, and Morgan weeds. She encouraged the board to apply for CSP which provides annual payment for improved management efforts.

EXTENSION UPDATE

Ron Patterson, New Extension Agent, brought Helen Muntz the new Horticulture Agent for Weber County, replacing Jerry Goodspeed. He invited the district to a Crop Seminar on February 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the USU Extension office. The Water Fair is scheduled for April 12-13 (Loralie is in contact with Naomi Brower). Ron is also involved with a continued graften melon project, which Matt Peterson has participated in.

RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Loralie Cox, Resource Coordinator, provided paper copies of the invitation/agenda for the Zone 2 meeting to be held on February 22, in Tooele Ut. She also explained the election process for the UACD Board Director position, and nominations for the UCC board member who is appointed by the governor. **Kelly Wansgard motioned and Blair Hancock seconded the motion to approve travel expenses to and from the meeting, and suggestion was made to car pool if possible.** Per Loralie The Little Manual, which is the governing document for conservation districts, has a quiz associated with its content. Loralie will present training for the next 4 meetings to prepare the board to complete the quiz, which in turn is sent to the state auditors office and the board members are considered compliant with state training requirements.

OTHER

The District presented Annette DeFries with a Minky Couture blanket in recognition of her time helping the Conservation District Board. She figured she had been involved with the district for about 12 years.

UACD Dues tabled until next month.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Stratford to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matt Peterson and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m..