

**MINUTES**  
**WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING**

Regular Meeting, March 8, 2017

Location, Ogden, UT

**ATTENDANCE:**

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

**Kevin Stratford**, *Chairman*

**Kelly Wangsgard**, *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*

**Craig McKnight**, *NRCS*

Guest:

**Deb Neal**, *DaVinci Academy*

**SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTION**

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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 February 8, 2017 meeting. **A motion was made by Mr. Blair Hancock to approve the February 8, 2017 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Kelly Wangsgard. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **DAVINCI ACADEMY**

Per Deb Neal, DaVinci Academy, they are seeking sponsorship for 2 teams to go to Richfield, Ut Environthon. This will give the kids opportunities to develop skills like public speaking, dedication, and a chance to see other parts of the state. After discussion **the district approved \$200 towards the project with Blair Hancock making the motion and Kelly Wangsgard giving a second.**

## **WEED PROJECT**

Loralie Cox, Resource Coordinator, grants have been submitted and approved for Yellow Star Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, and Garlic Mustard. One grant will be processed through Weber County, and the other will be processed through the Weber Conservation District. This will result in a \$1000-\$2000 admin reimbursement to the district. Board has received \$13,000.00 reimbursement check for grants, as well as check from the state for \$10,200.00. Of the state check \$800 has been donated to the envirothon. This is in addition to the \$200 that has been donated to the DaVinci Academy Teams.

## **UACD**

Board discussed UACD Dues. Amount previously donated is unclear. Kevin Stratford will follow up with Anette Defries (previous district clerk) to determine last year's donation. Tabled until next month's meeting.

## **EXTENSION UPDATE**

Per Craig McKnight, NRCS, Dave Brown has retired and Clint Evans will fill in until a replacement can be hired. Due to the government hiring freeze this cannot be done. NRCS is currently understaffed by 30%, and replacement options are unknown due to current political changes. Strategic funding of approx. \$750,000.00 was received for several projects, it will be implemented but with about 30 projects planned for the year the limited resources will be overloaded.

The soil health workshop went well, and the Treemontion session was recorded and will be available on the state website.

Ranking letter were sent out, and participants will start to receive notification.

## **RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE**

Per Loralie Cox, Resource Coordinator, a letter was received regarding payment for the Warren Canal project. Check for \$6800 will need to be forwarded once received. Kevin will follow up with Carry Vandike to get a status on the check.

A letter from Michael Callahan was received informing the district of a new housing development planned on approx 200 acres of the county. The development will include 300 new homes.

Per Matt Peterson, Supervisor, he attended the Zone 2 Conference. Luann and Dave Brown presented. Elections took place, Nyle Carlson and Charlie War got elected to the UACD. The UCC results are TBA. A representative from the water quality presented to improve water quality.

Loralie is working on another specialty crop grant for grafted watermelon study.

## **OTHER**

Retirement gift was sent to James Barnhill.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Weber Water Fair April 12-13<sup>th</sup> (attendance will be planned at next meeting)

## **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..**