

MINUTES
WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING

Regular Meeting, April 5, 2017

Location, Ogden, UT

ATTENDANCE:

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

Kevin Stratford, *Chairman*

John Degiorgio, *Supervisor*

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 Jones, *NRCS*

USU Extension:

Ron Patterson, *USU Extension*

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

Hannah Freeze, *UDAF*

Jay Olsen, *UDAF*

Guest:

Joe Hadley, *Weed Division*

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 March 8, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. John Degiorgio to approve the March 8, 2017 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Kelly Wangsgard. The motion carried unanimously.

WEED PROJECT

Per Joe Hadley, Weed Division, they are looking for 3-5 volunteers to form a weed board. The last board was organized in 2011. The board discussed possible candidates, John Degiorgio and Kelly Wangsgard volunteered for a position. The weed board should help reinforce the weed law in the county. They will have jurisdiction to implement weed control for property owners. Kelly will represent the Ogden Valley area. Some grants are available. There is trouble burning ditches because of cable wires, so other treatment options are being investigated. Ogden Valley Weed Days is still in the works, and is a collaboration between many organizations such as UDOT, Weber Pathways, and the Forest Service. It will consist of 3 days of volunteer weed control. There is no set date for the Weed Days. Lunch is usually provided for volunteers. Commissioners will be present.

NRCS UPDATE

Per Jenny Jones, NRCS, They are currently working on contracting, and encouraging applications now. Clint Evans is the new State Conservationist. Don will cover the North and South end of the state until the hiring freeze is no longer in effect.

RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Per Loralie Cox, Resource Coordinator, the WCD received a letter regarding an audit regarding water quality grants. The letter states if a district contracts with another agency a contract needs to be present. This is something WCD has been doing, as well as documenting said work. The letter also states some administrative fees have been considered excessive, however the WCD has not had this issue.

Greenwood Charter School made planter boxes on April 1st, 2017. They sent pictures to Loralie.

PLANNER UPDATES

Per Hannah Freeze, UDAF, a letter will be hand delivered to AFO/CAFO farms during visits. The WCD reviews the letter. Don Hall is also sent out letters. The WCD discussed some of the farms having compliance issues. They are concerned some farmers are confused about compliance, and what happens for non-compliance. UDAF is calling on WCD to help farmers come up with a game plan. Concerns are regulations keep changing, all projects must be done at once to qualify for NRCS funding, compliance is forcing dairies to shut down. Per Jay Olsen, UDAF, there is a meeting on April 18th with the Department of Agriculture. WCD has been invited to brainstorm and contribute ideas for this meeting. A strategy moving forward is a list of dairies, and what they are doing to be compliant. WCD will follow up with neighbors and encourage them to approach the UDAF. Hannah will work to get more of a time frame for compliance regulations to take effect. Also discussed options for funding for smaller projects.

EXTENSION UPDATES

Weber Dairy Days will be held on April 28-29th. Also a DHIA meeting will be held on the April 18th. Rain specialists would like to do some Medusa Head trials. Utah will be having a national conference in July in SLC. They are currently looking for fields to test new aphid control products on.

OTHER

The Weber Water Fair will be held on April 13th, the board sets up volunteer hours. The budget for lunch is approx. \$300, and Naomi will invoice the board.

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 10:35 a.m..