**MINUTES**

**WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING**

Regular Meeting, October 3, 2017

Location, Ogden, UT

**ATTENDANCE:**

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

**Kevin Stratford,** *Chairman*

**Matt Peterson,** *Supervisor*

**Kelly Wangsgard,** *Supervisor*

**John Degiorgio,** *Supervisor*

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

**Loralie Cox***, Resource Coordinator*

National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

**Hannah Freeze,** *Planner*

USU Extension:

**Ron Patterson,** *Director*

Guest:

**Kelly Larkin**, *Producer*

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**WCD MEETING- CALL TO ORDER**

WCD Supervisor Kevin Stratford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **A motion was made by Mr. John Degiorgio to approve the September 5, 2017 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Kelly Wangsgard. The motion carried unanimously.**

**FARM FIELD DAYS**

Farm Field Days will be held on October 12-13th for approximately 800 students. The event will be held at Stratford farms in West Haven. The focus should be as hands on as possible, and a focus on current school curriculum is encouraged. The day will consist of 13 minute presentations that students will rotate through. Board discussed scheduling, and determined a time for each of them to be present. Board will provide lunch for volunteers for approximately $300. Naomi, Utah State Extension, will provide drinks.

**PLANNER UPDATES**

Per Hannah Freeze, NRCS, the Marriott feedlot is now in compliance, and they have made needed improvements to their burm. Larkin Farms has no update. Erica Gaddis, Division of Water Quality, is looking into more options for dairies. The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2017. Carl Adams is very concerned about dairy water quality. Board will submit water samples to show water quality is actually not as bad as thought. Samples will be submitted anonymously. Board discussed locations for water samples to be obtained. District will pay for the testing. **A motion was made by Mr. John Degiorgio to approve funding for water quality testing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Stratford and the motion carried unanimously.** Per Loralie Cox, Resource Coordinator, water quality testing is within the district's scope of work. Interns will be asked to take samples for review. If it is determined a type of water treatment is required, a grant from DWQ would be requested. The logistics of one central treatment plant is unrealistic. A slough would be a good option if allowed.

**NRCS UPDATE**

The Weber River Team currently has 1.8 million in contracts that covers approximately 76,000 acres. Of this amount $233,000.00 is in Weber County. A Soil Health Workshop with Dr. Don Rakawski, a Carbon Cycle Expert, and Brendon Rocky , a Cover Crop Expert, will be held on Feb 19th-23rd. The locations will be Richfield on the 20th, Heber on the 21st, and Tremonton on the 23rd. A Grant proposal has been received from the Buffett Foundation for Soil Health and Cover Crops. They are looking for producers to participate. Producers will be compensated for custom farming on their land, and would need to plan on a 5-10 year commitment. Per Ron Patterson, USU Extension, they would like to be involved in cover crop research and data collection. He will work to get a plan in place.

Jordan Hulsey is a new planner in the office.

**RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE**

Per Loralie Cox, Resource Coordinator, The Weber River Symposium will be held November 8-9th 2017 at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center.

The Purple Loosestrife, and Yellow Starthistle grants have been submitted.

Kevin Stratford completed the Best Practices for Board Members through the State Auditor.

Weber State University is hosting a welding workshop for girls, and is seeking sponsors. This workshop is for girls ages 15-18. State should reimburse any sponsorship, and this may open up other sponsorship and community outreach opportunities. Loralie will invite them to bring more info to the next meeting.

**EXTENSION UPDATE**

Per Ron Patterson, USU Extension Director, The extension will be holding pesticide application training on November 14th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Library in Washington Terrace. Crop School will be held on February 13th, 2018.

**OTHER**

Board completed section of Little Manual training.

Kevin Stratford signed a Contract with District and State. a List of Do's and Don'ts.

**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 a.m..