

MINUTES
WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING

Regular Meeting, July 6, 2023
2871 Commerce Way, Ogden, UT 84401

ATTENDANCE:

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

John Degiorgio, *Chairman*

Kelly Wangsgard, *Supervisor*

Ronald Stratford, *Supervisor*

Matt Peterson, *Supervisor*

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

Corey Schellinger, *CD Planner*

Weber County Weed Board:

Bart Cragun, *Weed Supervisor*

Riley Matthew, *Weber County Weeds and Roads Office Manager*

Utah State University Extension:

Cody Zesiger, *Extension Agent*

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTION

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WCD MEETING- CALL TO ORDER

WCD Supervisor Matt Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Stratford to approve the June 1, 2023 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Kelly Wangsgard. The motion was carried unanimously.**

RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Per Brian Christensen, Resource Coordinator, the ISM Grant has a \$12,000.00 invoice to AGN Adventures for Phragmites Control. The board would like to continue using AGN Adventures for weed control. The board currently has \$57,000.00 in its account, the board can pay \$20,000.00 upfront for weed control and then get reimbursed at the end of the year.

The board has discussed applying for a grant for equipment including some smaller urban farm equipment. Corey found some good options that would cost around \$11,000.00. The district would be required to match 20% of the cost which would be approx. \$3,000.00. Brian will write the grant to include Morgan and Davis Conservation Districts.

EXTENSION UPDATE

Per Cody Zesiger, USU Extension, he put out 4 trials on weeds this year, unfortunately, all of them have faced complications. One that looks like it will be successful is investigating yield loss from weeds. A low weed patch vs. a high weed patch will be studied. He is also conducting some studies on irrigation. The irrigation study verifies how much water, and how fast the water, is making it down the rows. As well as usage requirements so they can have accurate data for monitoring.

Cody notes that Squash bugs are out, so now is a good time to spray pumpkins to prevent crop loss. This seems to be an issue, especially near the river.

WEED BOARD UPDATE

Bart Cragun, Weber County Weed Board, the weed board would like an educational booth inside the building at the Weber County Fair. A pencil or pen handout would be a good handout for people. The booth must be manned from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in twelve 4-hour blocks. A good option would be to combine with other vendors that will already have a booth. Cody will organize this. Cody will also provide noxious weed posters, a QR code with how to report a weed, a way to educate about the website, and may create an educational video to show. Cody will get tickets for the helpers.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 3rd, 2023