

MINUTES

WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING

Regular Meeting, November 2, 2023

2871 Commerce Way, Ogden, UT 84401

ATTENDANCE:

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

John Degiorgio, *Chairman*

Ronald Stratford, *Supervisor*

Matt Peterson, *Supervisor*

Kelly Wangsgard, *Supervisor*

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

Brian Christensen, *Resource Coordinator*

National Resource Conservation Resource (NRCS):

Kenny Oswald, *District Conservationist*

USU Extension:

Cody Zesiger, *Extension Agent*

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTION

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WCD MEETING- CALL TO ORDER

WCD Chairman John Degiorgio called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **A motion was made by Mr. Kelly Wangsgard to approve the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Matt Peterson. The motion was carried unanimously.**

RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Per Brian Christensen, Resource Coordinator, the soil health grants the districts applied for have been approved. Funding is available for a 6-foot no-till drill, and a 12-foot no-till drill. There is \$30,000 available for each. Several districts will order from one company to take advantage of a bulk discount. John suggests coordinating the equipment purchase with other districts in Northern Utah to improve access to parts and knowledge.

The Soil Health Advisory Committee is hosting a Soil Health in the West Conference in St. George on Feb 6th- 8th. They would like a \$500 donation for the event and will offer a scholarship for a producer to attend as a thank-you.

The UCC tour last month was poorly attended. Jim Bowcutt would like to try to make this type of event successful and will try again in the Spring. The board would encourage them to schedule the dates at the end of April or mid-June. Brian will suggest that. The board discussed possible field tour showcase ideas.

The Phragmites spraying has been completed for the year. They have completed \$30,000 in spraying, and will pick back up in the Spring. Brian will reapply for more funding.

A local workgroup meeting will be held in January with the Davis District and Weber District in attendance. John suggested hosting it at the Timbermine Steakhouse like the Growers Meeting last spring. The NRCS money is harder and harder to access, and the board feels it is important to have a meeting that facilitates good conversation and collaboration. January 18th is a suggested date for this meeting. Brian suggested inviting several partners to come and share possible project ideas in a separate event at a district level. John suggested a good SFP project would be cleaning the Weber River.

EXTENSION UPDATE

Per Cody Zesiger, USU Extension, Pesticide Applicator Training will be held at the end of November at the Roy Library.

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NRCS UPDATE

Per Kenny Oswald, NRCS District Planner, various funding sources are available. Kenny reviewed the available fund pools and the corresponding application dates and requirements.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Ruby River Steak House, at 6:30 p.m.