



KERRY COOK, DANIEL BRINKERHOFF, JAMES PACE, JASON JACKSON, MORGAN WOOD

Meeting Minutes

FREMONT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 26, 2023, 1:00 pm. Court House, Loa UT

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Kerry Cook, Jason Jackson, Daniel Brinkerhoff

Extension: Trent Wilde

UDAF: Tracy Balch

NRCS: Wade Ingram

Water Shed:

Excused: Morgan Wood, James Pace

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FREMONT CD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Cook Called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Review of agenda. Kerry Cook asked to add the grant application for equipment and a bill for the insider to the agenda. **Jason Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda with the add ons. Daniel Brinkerhoff seconded it. All in favor.** Review of minutes. **Jason Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes. Daniel Brinkerhoff seconded it. All in favor.**

FINANCIAL

Kerry said they will pay the insider bill at the next meeting because he doesn't have it with him.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tracy Balch mentioned that NASCA is in October. It is in Salt Lake this year. She mentioned it's very informative and different from state conventions. UACD convention is the 7-9th of November. Trent Wilde mentioned that the Central Utah Grazing expo is in October.

CONSERVATION BUSINESS

Tracy Balch went over the Self Evaluation. The board completed the assessment. **Daniel Brinkerhoff made a motion to approve the Self Evaluation form. Jason Jackson seconded it.**

UDAF

Tracy Balch talked about the soil health equipment grant application. It's available to conservation districts or other groups such as an irrigation company that can partner with the conservation district. It is up to \$50,000. 25% has to be matching funds. The equipment is to be rented out to producers. It is a one time grant. The grant closes August 18th. Jason Krebs can help write the grant application. There was a



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discussion on what type of equipment might be good to purchase for Wayne County. Kerry Cook mentioned there have been producers interested in a no till drill. Tracy mentioned that there will need to be someone in charge of the rental, maintenance and will need a place to store it.

ARDL

A new policy will be coming out for funding for fodder systems.

NRCS

Wade Ingram gave an update on SFP. We should know the first part of August. Wayne county spent all the SFP funding for 2022. For 2023 active contracts are 1.2 million. There's 35 applications just for Wayne County. The application deadline for 2024 is October 1st. Water optimization will have another sign up round. People can contact Tanner Mills for more information. There will still be IRA climate smart money available for the next several years. Cover crops, soil health and prescribed grazing are all part of that funding. CSP is ongoing.

WATERSHED

Breanne Bloomfield has been out doing testing and will bring results to the next meeting.

EXTENSION

Trent Wilde mentioned the Central Utah Grazing Expo will be in October. It will highlight grazing, ranching and producer issues. It will consist of 2 location workshops followed by a tour. This year will be in Richfield and Wayne County and the tour will also be in Wayne County. He is looking for sponsorship for the expo. Bruce Richards is a new dairy specialist. He held a dairy workshop that highlighted robotic milking. They found the robotics work best in smaller dairies. Drip irrigation water optimization has a lot of funding right now. There was a workshop in Delta to show the practical realities of having drip irrigation. Trent mentioned that a dixie harrow might be a good option for an equipment purchase. It could help with range improvement on "wasted" ground that producers aren't utilizing.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24th, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Wayne County Courthouse. **Kerry Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.