

MEETING MINUTES
DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday January 4, 2024
MILLARD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
LOCATION: DELTA, UTAH

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Brandon Anderson, Klint Atkinson, Jim Withers
Jared Bryan and Troy Davis are excused.

Clerk: Stacey Lake

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF): Tracy Balch

Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS): Tyrel Belnap

Millard County – USU Extension: Kalen Taylor

Millard County Commissioner: unable to attend.

DELTA CD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Brandon Anderson called the meeting to order at **10:15 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

Approval of December 7, 2023, meeting minutes. -Page 1

Approval of current financials. -Page 1

Approval to pay 2024 UACD dues, \$1425. -Page 1 **Check # 1070**

Approval to approve SERA reimbursement for attending the Soil Health in the West Conference. Page 2

Approval for Delta CD to be a Bronze Sponsor for the Soil Health in the West Conference. Page 2 **Check # 1071**

Adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Page 2

Meeting Minutes

- a) The December 7, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed. **Jim Withers motioned to accept the December 7, 2023, meeting minutes. Klint Atkinson seconded. Motion approved.**

Financial:

- a) Current financials were reviewed by the board. **Klint Atkinson motioned to accept the current financials. Jared Bryan seconded. Motion approved.**
- b) Deposit today, Tree Program \$60. Gopher machine rental \$200.
- c) UACD 2024 dues invoice: \$500 for dues, \$125 for AIG, and \$800 for Envirothon. **Klint Atkinson motioned to pay the total of \$1425 for 2024 UACD dues. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved. Check # 1070**

UDAF Business: Tracy Balch

- a) Reminder that the Water Optimization Program closes January 31, 2023.
- b) ISM: Invasive Species Mitigation will be opening in about a month.
 - o Examples: Rabbit brush. White top. Combining with county for a project is an option.

Board Business:

- a) Reminder of the 2024 Tree Program. There have been two orders so far.
- b) Reminder and review of the 2024 UACD Scholarship. Board will contact FFA advisor, Chad Warnick.
- c) Conservationist of the Year. Board will open it back up for new nominations.
- d) Gopher machine had maintenance and repairs from Troy Davis.
- e) Utah Soil Health Partnership: Soil Health in the West Conference will be held on February 6th – 8th, 2024 in St. George, UT. **Klint Atkinson motioned to use SERA funds to reimburse any supervisors that attend the Soil Health in the West Conference on February 6-8, 2024. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved.**
 - o Day 1 – Optional Beginner and Advanced Workshops in the Field/Hands on learning
 - o Day 2 & 3 – Conference with keynote presentations and 36 breakout sessions with soil health experts, farmers, and ranchers.
 - o Keynote Speakers: Alejandro Carrillo and Joel Salatin.
 - o UACD is requesting sponsorships from businesses and CD's. The board reviewed the sponsorship options. **Klint Atkinson motioned for the Bronze Sponsor at \$500. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved. Check # 1071**
 - o Flyers advertising the Soil Health in the West Conference were given to the board to hand out.
- f) Zone Meeting will be March 5, 2024, in Richfield.
- g) 2024 Meeting Schedule will continue the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. A notice will be sent to the Millard County Chronicle.

NRCS: Tyrell Belnap

- a) Local Work Group is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in Holden. Meeting time is pending.
 - o The board was giving a worksheet explaining what UFO (Utah Funding Opportunities) and SFP (Strategic Funding Proposals) are. This will assist with direction and guidance on resource concerns and where projects and funding should be going. It also shows examples of proposals. It explains how CD Boards can become involved.
 - o Current 2024 funding will come from SFP's. Delta CD had the Delta Irrigation SFP at this time. There are many applications for it. There is \$900,000, allocated for it. Ranking has started and should be done around March 3rd.
- b) Everything going forward will need to be in a SFP for funding opportunities. It will make it easier to measure the success of the projects to take back to Congress.
- c) Open application for all the programs. Ranking started for the first batch.

Commissioner Business: unable to attend.

Extension Service Business: Kalen Taylor

- a) Crop School: January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held in the Commission Room in Fillmore.
- b) Farm Bureau Meeting: January 9th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at IFA.

DELTA CD – VOLUNTEER TIME

Brandon Anderson: 4 hours -Water/Drain

Klint Atkinson: 4 hours -Drain

Jim Withers: hours -Water/Drain

Klint Atkinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved.