



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

Meeting Minutes

FREMONT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Thursday, Jan 25, 2024, 1:00 pm.

Wayne County Court House, Loa UT

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Morgan Wood, James Pace, Kerry Cook

UDAF: Tracy Balch

NRCS: Wade Ingram

Extension: Trent Wilde, Ethan Gilliam

Excused: Daniel Brinkerhoff, Jason
Jackson

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

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FREMONT CD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Cook called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Review of agenda. **James Pace made a motion to approve the agenda. Morgan Wood seconded it. All in favor.** Review of minutes from Dec 7th. **Morgan Wood made a motion to approve the minutes. James Pace seconded it. All in favor.**

FINANCIAL

Morgan Wood made a motion to pay the bills. James Pace seconded it. All in favor.

UACD: \$1425.00. NACD: \$250.00. Tacey Wood for QB reimbursement and new recorder: \$176.54

Sanpete CD: \$962.38 for shared planner

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tracy Balch mentioned that the soil health conference is February 6-8th in St George. There is a scholarship available if supervisors attend that can be applied to a producer or other interested person. Local group meeting is January 30 @10am. Zone 4 meeting is March 5th. Utah Water users is March 18-19th. Kerry Cook mentioned how important it is to attend the local work group meeting. That's where SEPS get discussed. **Morgan Wood made a motion for SERA to pay for the meetings listed above. James pace seconded it. All in Favor.** Tracy Balch mentioned there would be a google meet for the local group meeting.

CONSERVATION BUSINESS

Kerry Cook led a brief discussion on the no till drill the CD is purchasing. It was discussed how to pay for the portion the grant did not cover. There was a motion to take \$5,000 from the certificate of deposit and



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the rest will come from the checking account. **The motion was made by James Pace and seconded by Morgan Wood. All in Favor.** Tracy Balch discussed options for insurance for the drill. Kerry Cook will follow up on insurance and also talk to Jason Krebs about rental agreements for the drill.

UDAF

Tracy Balch gave an update on tree sales. She also mentioned that there has been an auditor alert about the public notice website. She mentioned that there are 13 applications for water optimization funds. Two of them are irrigation companies. The application deadline is January 31st. The pollinator grant closes March 1st. She reminded the group that NRCS, Water Opt and ARDL can work together. Morgan Wood asked what type of funding would cover a water study in the Bicknell bottoms area. Tracey said that non source point or possibly 319. Breanne Bloomfield would be the contact for that information.

EXTENSION

Trent Wilde thanked the group for the crop school support. He introduced Ethan Gilliam. He is the new extension agent for Sevier. Ethan presented a plan for observing elk grazing on private land. The goal is to go from private land to permit study. Trent Wilde gave an update on the Monroe Mountain plan.

NRCS

Wade Ingram gave an update on new hires for NRCS. He also talked about SEP's to get funding. There are 300 applications with 50-60 being from Fremont River district. There was a brief discussion on different types of SEP's. Wade gave some information on cons. stewardship program and IRA funds. Kerry Cook asked if any of that funding could cover diversions.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on Feb 22nd at 1:00pm at the Loa Courthouse. **Morgan Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.