

MINUTES
Enterprise & Iron Conservation District
Meeting Feb 14, 2024
Cedar City

ATTENDANCE:

Conservation District (CD) Supervisors:

Nancy Clark, *Chair*
Mark Halterman, *Vice Chair*
Brandon Hunter
Keith Christensen

Conservation District Supervisors, Absent:

Cody Staheli, *Treasurer*

Conservation District Staff:

Riley Howard, *Clerk*

Department of Agriculture and Food:

Tyce Palmer, *Zone 5 Coordinator*
Jake Benson, *Zone 5 Conservation Planner*

Conservation Partners Representatives:

Mike Marshall, *Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist*
Beckah Esplin, *USU/Iron County Extension Agriculture/Natural Resources Agent*
Amber Hatch, *Iron County Weed Supervisor*
Paul Monroe, *Central Iron Water Conservancy District Manager*
Kacy Adams, *Iron County Weed Board*

Meeting Guests:

Matt Byl (via phone) *ARDL Loan Applicant*
Blaine Skousen, *ARDL Loan Applicant*
Bryson Humphries, **Jacob Erickson**, **Sage Carlson**, **Claire Anderson**, **Catherin Dickinson**, *Southern Utah University Agriculture Club*

SUMMARY OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTION

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CALL TO ORDER

Enterprise & Iron Conservation District Chair Nancy Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandon Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from Feb. 14, 2024. Keith Christensen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SUU AG CLUB

SUU Ag club reported on an ag tour to Colorado that 24 students went to with the help of a scholarship from E&I CD.

ARDL

Matt Byl called in to speak with the board about an ARDL loan application. **Mark motioned to approve for Planning. Brandon seconded.**

Blaine Skousen came to talk to the board about an ARDL loan. After some discussion, Mr. Skousen was asked to confirm the zoning for the property before advancing.

Jake brought in an ARDL loan application for Cody Staheli. **Brandon motioned to approve for Planning. Keith seconded.**

IRON COUNTY WEED SUPERVISOR

Amber is the new Iron County Weed Supervisor. The county has hired Kacy as a contractor to help. Amber said she is applying for several grants to help with wages for part-time seasonal employees. She asked if the district would help with applying for grants.

CENTRAL IRON CONSERVANCY UPDATE

Paul Monroe talked about projects and plans coming up.

NO-TILL DRILL

The district talked about the no-till drill that they received. Jake said the dealer wants to do a training day Feb 29 at Clark's farm. Riley needs to send invoices to match contributors.

NRCS UPDATE

Mike Marshall reported on the Local Work Group meeting. He said the top concern with all groups seems to be pinyon and juniper issues. He said there was a good turnout and good discussion. He also handed out the latest snow numbers.

ZONE 5 UPDATES

Tyce said that we are not having a Zone 5 meeting this year. There is a combined zones 4, 5, and 7 meeting in Richfield on March 5th.

Tyce said the tree program is up and running and the program should make about as much as last year.

BILLS

Nancy brought a letter for NACD dues. **Brandon motioned to pay \$200 for NACD dues. Keith seconded. Mark motioned to pay \$735.75 to Brandon Hunter back pay for SERA. Keith seconded.**

RAVEN DISCUSSION

Nancy said someone approached her about the raven problem in Iron County. This person is lobbying in Washington D.C. to petition pest control. Nancy asked the board if they would be interested in contributing some funds. **Mark motioned to contribute \$250. Keith seconded.**

USU EXTENSION UPDATE

Beckah Esplin said USU extension is holding a lambing and kidding school in April targeting backyard producers. She said there's a water users workshop coming up specializing in water law, conservation, and smart irrigation.

EXTRA SERA

Brandon attended a soil health conference.
Nancy attended the local work group meeting.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

E&I Conservation District meeting – Mar. 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mark motioned to adjourn. Brandon seconded. Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 3:45 p.m.