**BLACKSMITH FORK SOIL CONSERVATION MEETING**

Regular Meeting, April 25, 2024

Location, 1860 N. 100 E. Logan Utah 84341

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Conservation District Supervisor** **Natural Resource Conservation Service**

**Jon White/*chairman*** Justin Elsner- *Pl*anner

Tom Bailey Taylor /*Forestry Coordinator*

Larry Olsen

Tom Walbridge

Richard Nielsen Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF)

Jace Farnsworth *Zone Coordinator*

**Conservation District** **Nick Reithel/** *Watershed Coordinator*

**Christy Daugs/** *Clerk*

**Cody Brklacich**/*planner* **Extension Office**

**Justin Clawson/***Extension Agent*

**Weed Board**

**Jake Forsgren/** *Weed Board*

**SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION**

1. **Meeting Minutes for March**
2. **Fund Farm Field Days up to $100**
3. **Pay Bills**
4. **Award 3 $1000 Scholarships**
5. **Make all Supervisors able to sign checks**
6. **Purchase Urban Garden Equipment**
7. **Adjourned Meeting**

Mr. Jon White called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the March meetings were distributed electronically \*\* **A motion was made by Mr. Richard Nielsen to approve the February BSF minutes and was seconded by Mr. Tom Walbridge motion carried unanimously.**

**NRCS REPORT**

Justin reported that the preapproved list of projects is out and they are notifying applicants. Working on getting all projects written, it was a very successful year in getting projects funded. EQIP and IRA all projects that were eligible were able to get funded. Taking applications for next year. Next month Conservation Plans will be brought to the board for Review. Next week Acting Conservationist Travis Mote will be coming up for a State Con Tour would like to meet supervisors.

T**aylor-** reported on some Wildfire risks that are located in the Blacksmith Fork area. They have some areas that are considered higher priority for Wildfire risks. Forestry Service will do all they can to help prevent the fires, landowners can contact them for any resources.

**USU EXTENTION REPORT**

Justin reported they just finished with Drone School.

Dairy School will be at the Event Center this year because of the scare of bird flu and them not wanting it to get spread to the Dairy’s.

**WEED REPOT**

Jake reported they are working on spraying this spring, it has been a success spring season for weeds and they are trying to get as many sprayed as possible

Two new weeds that they are looking to add to the noxious weed list are both Aquatic Weeds; Parrot Feather and EurasianWatermilfoil. These both have shown up in Cache County and they are working to get them under control before they spread into the irrigation systems.

**ZONE REPORT**

Jace- Next Grant coming; Food Security Processing Grant opening May 1st.

June 20th UCC tour and 21st the meeting, in Coalville Zone 2. District Supervisors, Clerk and Project Managers are invited, need to RSVP before May 15

Two of the No Till Drill have been delivered, the ATV one should be delivered the middle of May.

ISM grant still waiting to see if we have been funded

Farm Field Days, Zoggs Dairy and Wangsguard Dairy, focus on where does food come from, activity on how you make a hamburger.

**\*\*A motion was made by Tom Bailey to help cover the cost of the field days up to $100, the motion was seconded by Tom Walbridge; motion carried unanimously.**

Soil Health Conference, host a mini conference in 2025 in the valley. This will be held on the off years of the St. George Conference. A grant application will be submitted to see if they will get the funding to host this conference in combination with North Cache.

Urban Ag Grant, in the next few days the grant money should be deposited into the checking account.

UCC, meeting they changed the way that Supervisor Wages will be paid starting in the 2025 fiscal year, all travel expenses will be paid quarterly and then pay the hourly wages once a year and divided up the allocated money by the total amount of supervisor hours.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bills BSF

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| Miller Farms | $47,100 | Drill |
| Ripping it Outdoors | $28541 | Drill |
| Watkin | $1,390.04 | Newsletter |
| Schumachers | $9,163.73 | Trees |
| Lincoln Oaks |  | Trees |
| Dave McClurg | 30.00 | Refund trees |
| Trinna Phipps | $65 | Refund trees |
| Christy Daugs | $1534.49 | Tree Sale |
| UACD | $843.13 | Clerk |
| Watkins | $1390.04 | Newsletter |
| Nate | $250 | Tree sale help |
| Skyview | $500 | Tree Sale |
| Green Canyon | $500 | Tree Sale |
| Watkins | $371.01 | Tree Flyers |
| USPs | $108.80 | Stamps |
| Dominos | $124.27 | Pizza Tree Sale |
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Deposits $176 Drill rental, 280 drill rental, $173 Drill rental $50,000 equipment grant

**\*\*A motion was made by Tom Bailey to pay the bills as stated above, the motion was seconded by Larry Olsen; motion carried unanimously.**

Three Scholarship applications were turned in. The board decided to award all three applications $1000.

**\*\*A motion was made by Larry Olsen to pay all three scholarship applicants $1000; the motion was seconded by Tom Bailey; motion carried unanimously.**

Board decided to make all supervisors able to be signers on the checks, Jon, Larry and Tom W. will go to the bank with Richard Nielsen **\*\*A motion was made by Tom Bailey to add Jon, Larry and Tom W. to the account to sign checks, the motion was seconded by Richard Nielsen; motion carried unanimously.**

When the Urban Grant money comes in, Jace will go buy some equipment to use tiller and chainsaw, and other equipment that can be used for urban gardeners.

**\*\*A motion was made by Tom Bailey to purchase garden equipment with the grant money, the motion was seconded by Larry Olsen; motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURMENT**

**\*\*A motion was made by Larry Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 2:30p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Walbridge; motion carried unanimously.**