



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

Meeting Minutes

FREMONT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Wayne County Courthouse, Loa UT

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Jason Jackson, Kerry Cook

NRCS: Jason Krebs

UDAF: Tracy Balch

Water Quality: Breanne Bloomfield

Extension: Trent Wilde

Excused: James Pace, Morgan Wood,
Daniel Brinkerhoff

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FREMONT CD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Cook called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Review of agenda. **Jason Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda. Kerry Cook seconded it.**

Review of minutes from March 28, 2024. **Jason Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes. Kerry Cook seconded it.**

FINANCIAL

Jason Jackson made a motion to pay the clerk wages and the scholarships. Kerry Cook seconded it.

UACD clerk wages: \$843.13, Scholarships \$500 to Jake Peterson and \$500 to Ambria Wood. Proof of registration to college required before they cut the scholarship checks. Truax sent a check for \$300 for drill purchase. Tracy Balch will have tree sales info next meeting. There was a check received for a producer for a project through water quality. It was given to the producer.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

UCC tour in Coalville in June. Virtual fencing, a produce farm and 3 Springs Land and Livestock will be on the tour. UACD national convention will be in Salt Lake next year. There was a brief discussion on the convention. Every state and territory brings something for the auction. **Kerry Cook made a motion for SERA to pay for registration, mileage, hotels, meals for the UCC tour.**



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CONSERVATION BUSINESS

Kerry Cook mentioned that renters for the no till drill will write a check for \$1000 to hold for a deposit. The district will charge \$25 per day and \$5 per acre. Dean Chappell will be the person to cover maintenance and check in and check out. Jason Jackson mentioned using the \$300 check received from Truax to buy maintenance stuff for the drill. Tracy Balch mentioned making a banner to put by the drill with a phone number to get the word out. Tracy said she can get info on businesses to make a banner. Tracy Balch mentioned that UACD is trying to get envirothon back. It has lost its conservation focus.

UDAF

Tracy Balch said Fremont River sold 305 trees through the tree program. We had new customers. Next year they will have more elderberry trees and no crabapple. There is a grant available for CD's to put on Soil Health field days. Minimum \$1500. She will have more info next meeting. May 9th Soil Health day in Panguitch. June 18th SIG day in Delta. JP is working on one ARDL application. Water optimization grants are being funded.

WATERSHED

Breanne Bloomfield mentioned they are planning a big soil field day with Sevier and Sanpete districts. There will be a lot of info on programs available. Amy Dicky and Breanne have been working on the new sampling plan for the year. They added two new testing points. Amy will be at the next meeting. Breanne gave a copy of the sampling plan to the supervisors.

EXTENSION

Trent Wilde asked about the Hanksville Diversion. Jason Jackson said it was currently out for bid. They have about 43 million to use on the project. The project is expected to start in the fall. Bids will be approved by July 15th. Trent Wilde mentioned USU is doing a wheel line study for two producers in the county. They have new water conservation sprinkler heads to study. They will take yield samples and compare the new heads to the old. The department of AG and USU extension are putting on an appreciation dinner for producers at the Sevier County Fairgrounds on June 27th. GIP applications were reviewed and approved for clay lining on the Parker. Rankings are based on AUM's per dollar. The more cattle affected, the higher the ranking. Trent gave info on the Ag Drip program. Trent talked about a grant that USU received to pay for a full time person for one year to help educate people on Climate Smart funding. More information to come. They would like to hire someone local. The USDA is starting a remote meat grading pilot program for remote packing plants can become USDA graded. There was a brief discussion on the new meat packing plant in Richfield. Jason Jackson asked about funding for freezers for producers.

NRCS

Tracy Balch mentioned they are currently going through applications and rankings. SFP results will be in June.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on May 30th, 2024 at 1:00pm at the Loa Courthouse. **Jason Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.