

MEETING MINUTES

Daggett County Conservation District
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Location: Daggett County Courthouse

ATTENDANCE:

Conservation District Chair Bryan Smith

Conservation District (CD) Supervisor:

Steve Forbes, Supervisor
Kolby Hullinger, Treasurer
Hugh Straatman, Supervisor
AJ Olsen, Supervisor

Forest Service:

Cherette Bonomo

County Partners:

Matt Tippetts, County Commissioner
James Olsen, Daggett County
Brock Logan, Daggett County

Conservation Partners Representatives:

Jeremy Maycock, NRCS
Cheyenne Reid, USU Extension
Tashia Richins, USU Extension
Darrell Gillman, UDAF

Guests:

Heidi Steele

SUMMARY OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTION

MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bryan Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The supervisors reviewed the May 8 Board Meeting minutes. **Action Item: Steve motioned to approve the minutes with the amendment of Steve being in attendance at the last meeting. Hugh seconded the motion. Voting unanimously approved the motion.**

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

AJ followed up on any report from Boyd about the Sheep Creek Irrigation project. Nothing has been heard.

GUEST BUSINESS

On behalf of the Gun Range Board, Heidi Steele asked for financial assistance for reseeding dirt areas around the new gun range. They would like to apply for 10 acres worth of seed. Cheyenne will look into seed options and compare costs. The board is in favor of helping to support the reseeding, and plan to follow up next month.

FINANCE UPDATE

Betsy reported that last month's deposits had been received and recorded in QuickBooks and reported the current bank statement.

BUDGET APPROVAL

Action Item: AJ motioned to keep the same budget as FY24 (\$11,000) for FY25 budget. Kolby seconded and motion passed.

EQUIPMENT GRANT UPDATE

Action Item: Discussion on plans to pay for and pick up a no till drill this month. Motion to increase the budget by \$30,000 in order to cover for buying the drill. Second by AJ. Betsy will submit the request for reimbursement for \$6692.33, the remainder of the FY24 budget. Kolby motioned to have gas reimbursed by board with a cap at \$200. Hugh seconded and motion passed. Bryan and Matt will pick up drill when it becomes available.

SOIL HEALTH GRANT UPDATE

Action Item: Darrell presented the option to apply by Friday for a soil health grant. Steve will turn in the application for the opportunity to hold a no till drill presentation and dinner in FY25.

TIMP NEBO LUNCH INVOICE

Action Item: Since the remaining budget is going toward the no till drill, Kolby will write a check, non-refundable by the state, to cover the cost of our district's Timp-Nebo Lunch share. Motion carried.

LAPTOP IN FY25

Moved to next month's agenda

CLERK AGREEMENT

Moved to next month's agenda

SERA

Betsy will send in SERA forms after the UCC meeting Bryan will be attending next week.

CLERKING ITEMS STORAGE

Darrell will collect the extra bins of clerking books and supplies and determine what should be saved and what thrown away. Anything to be saved will be brought back and stored in county offices.

CD SUPERVISOR TRAINING DUE

AJ and Hugh may be up for training and will look into it.

PARTNER REPORTS

FSA

There is an opening on the county community board. Floyd Briggs is willing to reapply.

NRCS

Jeremy reported that they are looking over 2024 contracts, they have a few in Manila and several in Uintah and Duchesne County.

USU

Cheyenne introduced her intern, Tasia Richins.

June 21-22 is the Uintah County Farm Bureau Expo. Prime rib dinner for \$40 is served.

July 19 is a veterinarian and ferrier meet up at Western Park in Vernal at 4 PM. This fall through the Americorp program a free employee for sustainable agriculture will be available.

UCC

Meeting and show me tour next week that Bryan will attend and then will be reimbursed for time and travel through SERA.

UACD

Nothing to report

UGIP

Nothing to report

FOREST SERVICE

Cherette announced a meeting in Daggett County on the 18th at 4:30

DAGGETT COUNTY

The county would like to seek assistance if possible in the financial aspect of replacing irrigation culverts under county roads. Discussion followed about responsibility for replacing and it was decided it is not a canal company issue but rather a landowner and water user responsibility. Individuals could apply for financial assistance to replace culverts and the county can then replace when needed. We will follow up at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Smith at 1:20 PM