

MEETING MINUTES
DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING
and
DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
THURSDAY, June 6, 2024
MILLARD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
LOCATION: DELTA, UTAH

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Klint Atkinson, Brandon Anderson, and Jim Withers.
Troy Davis and Jared Bryan are excused.

Clerk: Stacey Lake

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF): Tracy Balch

Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS): Tyrel Belnap

Millard County – USU Extension: unable to attend.

Millard County Commissioner: unable to attend.

DELTA CD BUDGET HEARING – CALL TO ORDER

Brandon Anderson called the Delta CD Budget Hearing to order at **10:30 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

Approved to accept and adopt FY 25 Budget: Page 1

Adjourn Budget Hearing at 10:45 a.m. -Page 1

Budget Hearing:

- a) The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed FY25 Budget. After discussion and updates were made, Jim Withers motioned to accept and adopt the Delta Conservation Districts FY25 Budget. Klint Atkinson seconded. Motion approved unanimous.

Klint Atkinson motioned to adjourn the Delta Conservation District Budget Hearing at **10:45 a.m.** Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimous.

DELTA CD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Brandon Anderson called the meeting to order at **10:45 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

Approval of April 4, 2024, meeting minutes. -Page 2

Approval of current financials. -Page 2

Approval to pay the following invoices:

Millard County Chronicle invoice # legal advertising, \$20.90. **Check # 1074**

Stacey Lake invoice # 15, for Clerk duties, \$1800. **Check # 1075**

JayLee Anderson for 2024 Scholarship, \$1000. **Check # 1076**

Sevier CD invoice for Tree Program, \$468.14. **Check # 1077**

USU Extension invoice # 207 for Gopher Abatement Project, \$4898.70. **Check # 1078**

Approval to use remaining funds, \$4898.70, for Gopher Abatement Project. -Page 2

Approval of the FY25 Scope of Work. -Page 2

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Approval of FY24 Fraud Risk Assessment. -Page 2

Approval of FY24 Financial & Compliance Self-Evaluation. -Page 2

Approval to use SERA funds to supervisors who attend 6.18.24 Soil Health Field Day in Delta, UT. - Page 2
Approval to use SERA funds to supervisors who attend June 20-21, 2024, UCC Tour in Coalville. -Page 3
Approval to ratify signatures for applications and plans for ARDL loans #4 and ARDL loan #5. -Page 3
Adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Page 3

Meeting Minutes

- a) The April 4, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed. **Klint Atkinson motioned to accept the April 4, 2024, meeting minutes. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**

Financial:

- a) Current financials were reviewed by the board. **Jim Withers motioned to accept the current financials. Klint Atkinson seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
- b) \$578.40, check #203, was accepted for deposit from Sevier CD for the Tree Program.
- c) The following invoices were reviewed for payment:
- Millard County Chronicle invoice # legal advertising, \$20.90. **Check # 1074**
 - Stacey Lake invoice # 15, for Clerk duties, \$1800. **Check # 1075**
 - JayLee Anderson for 2024 Scholarship, \$1000. **Check # 1076**
 - Sevier CD invoice for Tree Program, \$468.14. **Check # 1077**
 - USU Extension invoice # 207 for Gopher Abatement Project, \$4898.70. **Check # 1078**

Jim Withers motion to accept and pay these invoices. Klint Atkinson seconded. Motion approved unanimous.

Board Business:

- a) There was \$4898.70 left in the FY24 budget. The board discussed using these funds to continue to support the Gopher Abatement Project. **Klint Atkinson motioned to approve payment of \$4898.70, to USU Extension Millard County to support the Gopher Abatement Project. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
- b) FY25 Scope of Work/Plan of Work was reviewed, discussed, and completed. **Jim Withers motioned to approve and accept the FY25 Scope of Work. Klint Atkinson seconded. Klint Atkinson signed it. Motion approved unanimous.**
- c) Conservationist of the Year. Brandon Anderson will talk to Theo Berry.
- d) FY24 Fraud Risk Assessment was reviewed, discussed, and completed. **Jim Withers motioned to approve and accept the FY24 Fraud Risk Assessment. Brandon Anderson seconded. Klint Atkinson signed it. Motion approved unanimous.**
- e) FY24 Financial & Compliance Self-Evaluation was reviewed, discussed, and completed. **Jim Withers motioned to approve and accept the FY24 Financial & Compliance Self-Evaluation. Brandon Anderson seconded. Klint Atkinson signed it. Motion approved unanimous.**
- f) Soil Health Field Day will be held June 18th, at 10:00 a.m. Located at 2973 S Lonetree Rd., Delta, UT. Initial Presentations will be in the barn and then a field walk. See current soil health practices under the NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant research project. Learn about the use of Biochar. Lunch provided. **Klint Atkinson motioned to use SERA funds to supervisors who attend the Soil Health Field Day on June 18, 2024, in Delta, UT. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
- g) Gopher machines are in good working order.
- h) FY25 Farm Field Day. Brandon Anderson will contact the school in August.
- i) Due to the July 4, 2024, holiday, the July 4th meeting will be moved to Wednesday, July 3, 2024.
- j) Klint Atkinson received an email from Kristy Davis that discusses Benefits of Flood-Irrigation. The article is located at this website: <https://iwjv.org/flood-irrigation/> This link was sent to all supervisors.
- k) LeRay McAllister Working Farm & Ranch Fund applications open June 2024.

UDAF Business: Tracy Balch

- a) Brandon Anderson and Jim Withers completed their Oath of Office. A yellow card was given to them with "The Function of the Conservation District" and "Supervisor 's Job Description". Troy Davis will also receive one when he completes his Oath of Office. Term is from 7/1/24 to 6/30/28.
- b) UCC Tour will be June 20-21, 2024, in Coalville, UT.
 - Tour of Summit and Morgan County:
 - i. Producer showcase (High tunnel, Pollinator planting, Feedlot berm)
 - ii. Fish Creek Beaver Dam Analogs.
 - iii. Virtual Fencing
 - iv. Madsnacks Produce
 - v. 3 Springs Land & Livestock.
 - Award Ceremony
 - UCC Meeting

Klint Atkinson motioned to use SERA funds to supervisors who attend the UCC Tour on June 20-21, in Coalville, UT. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimous.

- c) Two ARDL loans were presented to the board. The board reviewed ARDL loan #4, South Hinckley Ditch, for land leveling and pipe. This funding will pair with received water optimization funding. ARDL loan #5, 4500 South, pipe ditch. **Jim Withers motioned to ratify Klint Atkinson's signature for applications and plans for ARDL loans #4 and #5. Brandon Anderson seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
- d) UDAF Local Soil Health Workshop Grant applications open May 6 to June 14, 2024.
<https://udafgrants.utah.gov/submit>
- e) Beginning in July, boards will begin to update Long Range Plans and build Capital Project Plans.
- f) Translate Your CD Work Into an Effective Story document given to supervisors to review.

NRCS: Tyrel Belnap

- a) Currently there are eight CSP plans being funded in the Delta Conservation District.
- b) Seven flood projects under the SFP. Originally, they had \$900,000 to fund projects. So far seven projects have been contracted at \$1.3 million, using some other funding that was not being used.
- c) IRA money contracted \$125,000 in soil health projects and \$1.4 million in range projects. This is County wide. Approximately 39 contracts being wrote.
- d) Russell Monroe is the new planner. Also, adding to the team will be a Range Con in Nephi, Soil Con in Fillmore, and a Civil Engineer Tech.
- e) Application period is open currently. Closes in October/November.
- f) Civil Rights Review will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Business: unable to attend.

Extension Service Business: unable to attend.

DELTA CD – VOLUNTEER TIME

Brandon Anderson: 5 hours -Water/Drain

Klint Atkinson: 4 hours -Drain

Jim Withers: 2 hours -Drain

Jim Withers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Brandon Anderson seconded. Motion approved unanimous.