

MEETING MINUTES

Daggett County Conservation District
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Location: Daggett County Courthouse

ATTENDANCE:

Conservation District (CD):

Bryan Smith, Chair
Hugh Straatman, Supervisor
Steve Forbes, Supervisor
Kolby Hullinger, Treasurer

Conservation Partners Representatives:

Darrell Gillman, UDAF
Jeremy Maycock, NRCS Terrell Thayne, UGIP

County Partners:

James Olsen, Daggett County
Sean Hughes, Weed Board

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 November Board Meeting minutes. **Action Item: Hugh motioned to approve the minutes. Kolby seconded the motion. Voting unanimously approved the motion.**

FINANCE UPDATE

The monthly bank statement was reviewed and approved. The board motioned to pay the clerk a Christmas bonus of \$250 and the UACD annual dues of \$1425. Steve made the motion and Kolby seconded. Voting unanimously approved the motion.

SOIL HEALTH

Will set a date for a soil health conference in spring. A keynote speaker will be thought about and selected by members of the board. Darrell suggested actually planting something with the no till drill at that time and use it as an opportunity to revisit in the fall where the community could see the progress and benefit. Steve suggested Brady McMurtry as a speaker for the event and will check his availability. Soil health assessments and how that process works and how to use information gathered could be covered in the event. Darrell distributed a soil health questionnaire to each board member to fill out and then gathered them at the end of the meeting.

CONSERVATION AND FIRE COLLAB MEETING

Steve will check with the members of the fire district to see if they can make the January 8 meeting for fire mitigation collaboration.

GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD

Bryan presented Dave Potter as a recipient of the golden shovel award. Other names were discussed as recipients, but the board settled on Dave. Bryan will contact the family for information to hand to Darrell. Plans to present the award at the crop school in February.

PRAIRIE DOG TAILS PROGRAM

Moved to January agenda to discuss how to implement it as a youth program and how to curb problems that have come up in the past.

PARTNER REPORTS

USU

Daggett County is scheduled for crop and livestock school on February 25. Board members will think about what topics should be covered on this day. So far, beef nutrition, soil health and grazing practices will be covered.

Master gardener course being offered by USU. Credits are available making it 50% off. Zoom based for 5-6 weeks.

NRCS

Jeremy brought an NRCS programs presentation and showed some soil health principles and how NRCS can help ag producers in various financial incentives. Some things covered were Pinion Juniper removal, beaver dam projects and energy projects. Conservation Stewardship Program and the requirements and incentives to participate.

UDAF

Water optimization application period begins at the start of the new year.

NACD

NACD meeting in Salt Lake in February. Expenses are reimbursable.

UGIP

UGIP is taking applications through December specifically for grazing improvement projects.

OTHER

Meeting adjourned by Chair Smith at 1:20 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Daggett County Weed Board

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Steve Forbes, Supervisor

Hugh Straatman, Supervisor

Kolby Hullinger, Treasurer

Conservation Partners Representatives:

Darrell Gillman, UDAF

Terrell Thayne, UGIP

Jeremy Maycock, NRCS

County Partners:

James Olsen, County

Sean Hughes, Weed Board

SUMMARY OF WEED BOARD ACTION

MEETING–CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 13th meeting. Hugh motioned to accept the minutes as they stood, and Kolby seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The last draw for the year has been added to the account. The next will be scheduled for June.

WEED BUSINESS

No weed spraying has been done in recent cold weather and will pick up again in spring. Currently fixing equipment, maintenance and paperwork.

Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kolby second. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

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