

MEETING MINUTES
DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
Thursday, January 2, 2025
MILLARD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
LOCATION: DELTA, UTAH

ATTENDANCE:

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

Clerk: Stacey Lake

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

Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS): Tyrell Belnap

Millard County – USU Extension: Kaylen Taylor

Millard County Commissioner Trevor Johnson: unable to attend.

DELTA CD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Brandon Anderson called the meeting to order at **10:15 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

Approval of October 9, 2024, meeting minutes. -Page 1

Approval of current financials. -Page 2

Approval of paying invoices: -Page 2

- Pay to: CNA Surety -Treasurer Bond. \$170. **Check 1079**
- Pay to: Sevier Conservation District -Outreach annual website/domain. \$30.16. **Check 1080**
- Pay to: UACD -2025 District Dues. \$1425. **Check 1081**
- (\$500 UACD dues, \$125 Voluntary Education, \$800 Envirothon)
- Pay to: NACD -2025 National Dues. \$500. **Check 1082**
- Pay to: UACD Auxiliary -2025 Quilt Tickets. \$50. **Check 1083**
- Pay to: Stacey Lake -Clerk Wages. \$2000. **Check 1084**

Approval of using SERA funds to attend NACD Convention. -Page 2

Approval to accept/ratify ARDL loan. -Page 2

Approval of accepting and signing Memorandum of Agreement with NRCS. -Page 3

Approval of the use of SERA funds to attend the February LWG. -Page 3

Adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Page -3

Meeting Minutes

- a) October 9, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed.
Jim Withers motioned to accept these meeting minutes for October 9, 2024. Troy Davis seconded.
Motion approved unanimous.

Financial:

- a) Current financials were reviewed by the board. **Jared Bryan motioned to accept the current financials. Troy Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
- b) Invoices were reviewed by the board. **Jim Withers motioned to accept and pay all invoices. Troy Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
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- c) Money received from Gopher Machine rental:
 - \$200 cash -Fowles
 - \$100 check 2441 -Staheli
 - \$200 check 0390 -Harward

Board Business:

- a) Board discussed the 3rd grade Farm Field Day. No invoices.
- b) New SERA forms were signed.
- c) Conservationist of the Year: Board discussed asking Theo Berry.
- d) Gopher machine needs a new tip and will be repaired.
- e) NACD Convention will be February 8-12, 2025, in SLC, UT. Register at www.nacdnet.org.
Troy Davis motioned to use SERA funds for any supervisors who attend the NACD Convention. Jared Bryan seconded. Motion approved unanimous. (hotel, mileage, per diem)
- f) ARDL loan FY25-1 was reviewed and ratified. It was originally received, reviewed, and approved via text on December 19, 2024. Signed by email/adobe on 12.23.2024. **Klint Atkinson motioned to accept/ratify the ARDL loan approved via text on 12.19.2024. Troy Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**

UDAF Business: Tracy Balch

- a) Agricultural Water Optimization Program is now open.
 - Open 1.1.25 to 2.28.25
 - Separate applications for on-farm and canal/irrigation companies.
 - A pre-consultation with the Utah Division of Water Rights is needed.
 - [Utah Department of Agriculture & Food \(UDAF\) Submission Manager](#)
- b) 2025 Conservation Tree Program
 - Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, & Wayne Counties
 - Bareroot Conservation Trees, \$6 each. Order in multiples of 5.
 - Call to order: (435)893-3336
 - Pick up will be the end of April
- c) UACD Supervisor Training for CD Supervisors, Clerks, employees, and partners. Tracy will bring a laptop each month for online training.
 - Module 1: Conservation District History and Overview
 - Module 2: Conservation District Meetings
 - Future Modules will follow.
- d) Millard CD received the grant for a planner position. This planner will help in the Millard and Juab Counties.

NRCS: Tyrell Belnap

- a) Annual review of the CD MOU and Civil Rights Responsibilities was given to the board and reviewed. Included Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist. Memorandum of Agreement Between the USDA, NRCS and Delta Conservation District.
- Continuing to support the delivery of excellent and innovative customer service.
 - Recognizing conservation planning as foundational to our work and working together to meet the conservation planning assistance needs of our cooperators/customers.
 - Strengthening and modernizing conservation delivery to optimize efficiency and effectiveness.
 - Broadening our outreach to existing and new customers and partners.
 - Supporting science-based decision making as close to the resource issue/opportunity as possible.
 - Encouraging a voluntary approach as the primary means of accomplishing conservation goals.
 - Using sound approaches to strengthen each party and its role in delivery of soil, water, and related natural resource conservation across the nation.

Each supervisor signed the agreement. **Jim Withers motioned to sign and accept the Memorandum of Agreement. Troy Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**

- b) There were 194 applications for programs. 40-50 over last year. Approved funding should be known at the end of January, first of February.
- c) Local Work Group will be in Levan on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 6-7:30 p.m. **Troy Davis motioned to use SERA funds to reimburse supervisors who attend. Klint Atkinson seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**

Commissioner Business: unable to attend.

Extension Service Business: Kalen Taylor

- a) Gopher Abatement Project: Plenty of funds left. Looking for program to pick up as the weather warms up.
- b) Millard County Crop School will be held January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the fair building. This will include research updates on flood irrigation efficiency, agronomic research, and drones in agriculture.
- c) Utah Hay and Forage Symposium: The symposium will address critical issues facing Utah producers. Continuing education credits are also available for certified crop advisers and Utah pesticide applicators.
- February 5 - 6, 2025 · St. George, UT -8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- d) A water meeting will be held in Fillmore, but date is TBD.
- e) New proposal with the BLM to do GPS ear tags on bands of sheep. Hoping to collar some cattle again. BLM collared some horses after fertility treatment.
- f) The off-range horse holding facilities are full. Additional gathers were approved under the Biden administration.

DELTA CD – VOLUNTEER TIME

Brandon Anderson: 4 hours -Drain/Water

Klint Atkinson: 3 hours -Drain

Jared Bryan: 4 hours -Drain/Water

Troy Davis: 4 hours -Water

Jim Withers: 3 hours - Drain

Klint Atkinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Jared Bryan seconded. Motion approved unanimous.