

MINUTES
Enterprise & Iron Conservation District
Meeting May 7, 2025
Cedar City

ATTENDANCE:

Conservation District (CD) Supervisors:

Nancy Clark, *Chair*

Mark Halterman, *Vice Chair*

Cody Staheli, *Treasurer*

Brandon Hunter

Keith Christensen

Jake Benson, *Zone 5 Conservation Planner*

Stewart Bowler, *Dixie CD Chairman*

Conservation Partners Representatives:

Mike Marshall, *Natural Resources*

Conservation Service District Conservationist

Beckah Esplin, *Iron County Extension*

Meeting Guests:

TK Kern, *Red Acre Farm*

Stephanie Hill, *Cedar and Beaver Watershed Committee*

Conservation District Supervisors, Absent:

Conservation District Staff:

Katie Gurley, *Clerk*

Department of Agriculture and Food:

Tyce Palmer, *Zone 5 Coordinator*

SUMMARY OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTION

1. Meeting Minutes from Apr 2
2. Tentative Budget
3. Adjournment
4. Mail/Bills

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CALL TO ORDER

Enterprise & Iron Conservation District Chair Nancy Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandon Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from Apr. 2, 2025. Mark Halterman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SOIL HEALTH GRANT

The Soil Health Grant is available again. We have \$2,300.00 available to spend. Tyce is thinking it would be a great idea to team up with Beckah and the Water Conservancy District to do some water education. We would be able to have an education day at the SUU Farm. It would be an ideal time to highlight the things that we do and is a great outreach opportunity. We have until June 30 to spend the grant.

GRASSHOPPER BAIT

Grasshopper Bait will more than likely start being distributed at the end of the month. The bait is for agriculture production only. We will sell 10 bags at 50 percent discount, then after that it will be sold for the full price of \$30 per bag.

NO-TILL DRILL

The no-till drill is in need of some repairs. We are thinking it would be best to wait until winter to do those repairs.

BUDGET

Brandon Hunter made a motion to approve the budget. Keith Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

ZONE 5 MEETING/DINNER

Brandon Hunter made a motion to approve to pay the bill to the Upper Sevier CD for the Zone 5 Meeting/Dinner. Keith Christensen seconded. Motion approved.

TREE PROGRAM

The tree and shrub program went well in general this year. We had a few little hiccups, but went fairly smooth overall. There are some changes we would like to make next year. Next year we are thinking of only doing one pickup location. We would like representatives from the other districts to come and pick up the orders for their district if they would like to be involved with the program.

USU EXTENSION

Farm Field Days went pretty well. The city isn't changing their stance on allowing use of the Diamond Z for the event. They are looking for a different location to host the event for next year. They need a building large enough to host 400 kids. They're wanting to get the gopher program started up. So far we are thinking of doing \$3 per gopher tail. They are going to see if the county commissioners would like to help with the pay. They're thinking of possibly adding a racoon bounty as well.

NRCS UPDATE

The NRCS has lost 25% of their staff as a whole. If funds stay frozen, they will be able to keep up with their work. If not, they will be swamped with work. They need a new farm bill, and they're hoping it happens soon to help fund their programs. They would like to think about potential projects/programs that would offer the best benefit to the producers.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

E&I Conservation District meeting and budget hearing – Jun 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Nancy Clark motioned to adjourn. Cody Staheli seconded. Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 2:35 p.m.