

MINUTES
Northern Utah Conservation District
NRCS Office May 8th, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bodee Udy, *Northern Utah Conservation District*
(NUCD) Chair

Conservation District (CD) Supervisors

Glen Capener (Absent)

Ben Adams

Jeff Kent

Wade Norman (Absent)

Conservation Partners Representatives:

Jeff Schick- NRCS

Wyatt Freeze, *Weed Department (Absent)*

Mike Pace- *USU Extension*

Ashley Longmore – *USU Extension*

Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

Jace Farnsworth- *Resource Coordinator*

Clint Hill, *GIP*

Boyd Bingham- *County Commissioner*

Ben Law- *Water Optimization (Absent)*

Destiny Allgood- *Fish & Wildlife (Absent)*

Lena Morgan- *CD Planner (Absent)*

Jessie Larsen, *Watershed Coordinator (Absent)*

Barbie Hill- *FSA*

Conservation District Staff:

Danielle Kunzler, *District Clerk (Absent)*

SUMMARY OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTION

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CD MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

Northern Utah Conservation District called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., with Bodee conducting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff made the motion to approve the meeting minutes with one change to the closed session motions change Ag VIP to (APA) Ag Protection for the County. Ben seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY UPDATE

Discussion on Box Elder water issues and the battle of water. In accurate representation of the media and what was given to the media does not make it to the news. They will not put fact in the news and make it they way they want the article to go.

Brigham city is going to draw from the water conservancy district board. The district was created by court ordered in 1988, they borrowed money to make improvement for future and will have to clear the debt. County had a policy together if a municipality provides utility to unincorporated area they can trigger annexation.

Brigham City gets their water from Mantua. A lot of water battles with Harper Last 30 years state of Utah has lost 30% of irrigated farm ground.

Discussion on stormwater, transportation and infrastructure issues in the county. Importance of ag protection area and focus on zoning with agricultural. Ag protection is low cost \$2-300 for the farm.

Loss of Ag representation in state and national.

USU UPDATE

Grasshopper application to help with bait. Onion updates and drip systems it so dry some are struggling. Corns been planted and starting to poke up with good germination. Friday the 9th is the Branding event at the fairground. Bring your brands 6-10 to brand the backdrop for the county. Jeff Kent added Farm Bureau is selling food and accepting donations to Help feed 100 families to and cover cost of cutting and wrapping. 660 families that are supported by the 2 food pantries. Discussion on 100 year county fair for Box Elder. Wheats looking a little better in blue creek. Price markets looking low for wheat cant find a place to sell it.

DISTRICT BUISNESS

UDAF Update Commissioner Butters retired

- Kelly Pherson Commissioner Decided to do Co-Deputy's and split the divisions up between the deputies - Troy Forrest Deputy Animal, Plant and Conservation and covering GIP still, Amber Brown Deputy of Hemp and Regulation she was over policy and legislature

Water Opt Manager Hannah Freeze - New Deputy of Great Salt Lake Commission

CD Travel Budget -Key Tour / Meetings Get to Sherie first of June

2026 Budget Main Events / Sera

- Northern Utah Soil Health Conference Oct 29-30 (Logan)
- UACD conference Nov 2025 (St George)
- Soil Health Conference Feb 2026 (St George)
- Zone Meeting (Feb 2026)
- Conservation Fairs (Cache, Box Elder)
- Utah Water Users March 2027 (St George)
- Northern Water Users (Logan, March 2026)
- UCC tour June 2027
- Local Work Group
- ISM and other outreach events

Discussion was made to keep the budget about the same as the past 3 years with a little added for the close meeting in case supervisors was able to make it.

Utah food security grant is open to help local food security help with production or storage of local food.

Ag VIP Application open now though May 30th

ISM Update Put in for the Medusahead and the Bag a woad dyers woad grant.

2025 Reimbursement - Follow Up Also they have like \$942 left to spend and that should clear out their \$11,000. Like I said you can call me if you have any questions! - Blade bills needs to be added to this.

BOX ELDER WEED UPDATE

Wyatt gave update to Danie and sent to Jace to cover, Wyatt said that he isn't going to make it to the meeting but to let the board know "that I am putting together our yearly dyers woad aerial spraying, and have about 1000 acres of herbicide available for it. If anybody is interested, please have them contact me asap."

BILLS

- 1- Vence Vence bills don't need to be paid until the district is paid by WRI but they could make a motion to pay them when the money comes in. (\$12,000,\$6,000) update on project
- 2- Clerk Wages \$1,390.63
- 3- Leana conservation district planner, 14,180.06

Jeff made the motion to approve the bills and Ben seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Dustyn was able to come back to the team, from the state range position. All the money in the state has been allocated. Picked up a few additional contracts. 3 plans for the close meeting 1 soil health and 2 irrigation contracts.

\$2 million in the EQUIP, Water Opt, and Sage Grouse funds. \$1 million in the CSP funds. IRA money is gone but all signed contracts will be paid out. Any extra money will pick up more contracts and planners help to put them together. Hammond east and bear river south conveyance was ones NRCS got funded for

GIP UPDATE

No update just contracting and cultural clearance. 31 contracts last year about 30 so about the same. Possible hire manager under Troy but unsure as of now.

CLOSED SESSION

Jeff made the motion to enter the closed session. Ben seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ben made the motion to exit the closed session and Bodee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on 3 NRCS Conservation Plans, 1 ARDL plan and 5 Ag Protection plans.

Jeff Motion to go out of closed session, Ben seconded the motion

MOTIONS

Jeff made the motion to approve the 3 NRCS plans presented in the closed session. Ben seconded the motion. Ben made the motion to approve the 1 ARDL loan presented in the closed session. Jeff seconded the motion. All motions carried unanimously. Jeff made the motion to approve the 5 Ag Protection plans presented in the closed session by and email to supervisors Ben seconded the motion. _

Calendar of Future Events

Next Meeting: June 12th, 2025 9 a.m. at the NRCS office

Motion to Adjourn

10:45 a.m. Ben made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.