

MINUTES

WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING

Regular Meeting, July 1, 2025, 2871 Commerce Way, Ogden, UT 84401

ATTENDANCE:

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

John Degiorgio, *Chairman*

Matthew Peterson, *Treasurer*

Kelly Wangsgard, *Supervisor*

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

Parker Wayment, *Resource Coordinator*

National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

Kenny Oswald, *District Conservationist*

Rex Turner, *NRCS Planner*

Weber County Weed Board:

Bart Cragun, *Weed Supervisor*

Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust, National Audubon Society:

Adam Wickline, *Senior Project Manager*

Guest:

Douglas Hansen, *Producer*

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WCD MEETING- CALL TO ORDER

WCD Chairman John Degiorgio called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **A motion was made by Mr. Matthew Peterson to approve the June 3, 2025 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Kelly Wangsgard. The motion was carried unanimously.**

2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Matthew Peterson motioned to open the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing for the Weber Conservation District, and Mr. Kelly Wangsgard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board reviewed the proposed budget. **Mr. Matt Peterson motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Budget for the Weber Conservation District, and Mr. Kelly Wangsgard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Matt Peterson motioned to close the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing for the Weber Conservation District, and **Mr. Kelly Wangsgard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Per Parker Wayment, Resource Coordinator, Jim Bowcutt will be adding a deputy under him to work more closely with the Conservation Districts.

The ISM Grant for the spring has been completed. Several spots were successfully treated for Yellow Star Thistle. New areas have also been located and treatments will start soon.

Parker made updates to the No-Till rental sheet. The Ogden Valley producers seem to be the heaviest users. Per Matt Peterson, there is a small repair that needs to be made before the fall season starts. He will make the needed repairs.

NRCS UPDATE

Kenny Oswald, NRCS, provided a brief NRCS update.

The Local Workgroup Meeting will be combined with the Davis Conservation District this year. Likely dates for this meeting will be sometime in January or February.

Rex Turner presented a map outlining the plan for Phrag control efforts. He is writing a strategic fund pool that will work on researching best removal practices, and reseeding the cleared areas.

WEED BOARD UPDATE

Per Bart Cragun, Weber County Weed Board, he took some weed board members on a field tour to show them some of the successes, and some of the areas of concern. There is one patch of land in Ogden Valley that is solid with Dyer's Woad that will need significant work.

OTHER

Douglas Hansen, a West Weber Landowner, is seeking support from the Conservation District to file and approve an Ag Easement application. This is his second attempt. He is currently working with Debbie at Utah Ag Land Trust. John suggested the Leroy McCallister Fund to help finance the application process. Parker Wayment will help Douglas get started with the application process for this funding. NRCS may also be a good resource. Kenny Oswald gave Mr. Hansen contact and website info. One of the most frustrating barriers John faced was the daily personnel changes. John worked with five state conservationists over the years; each time someone leaves or is promoted, the process starts all over. John's easement was ultimately never approved.

Adam Wickline, Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust, would like to establish a good working relationship between the Conservation Districts and the Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust, and will be attending future meetings.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2025