

## MINUTES

### Uintah County Conservation District

Regular Meeting, September 8, 2025

Location: Western Park Board Room

302 East 200 South, Vernal, Utah

### ATTENDANCE:

Conservation District Vice Chair Todd  
Thacker

Conservation District Staff  
Andrea Merrell

Conservation District (CD) Supervisor  
Jim Slauch, Treasurer  
Steve Hanberg, Supervisor  
Johnathan McKee, Supervisor

Conservation Partners Representatives:  
Cheyenne Reid, USU Extension  
Jeremy Maycock, NRCS  
Cortney Borer, NRCS  
Duane Houston, Water Optimization Planner  
and Basin Salinity Coordinator

Conservation District Supervisors, Absent:  
Bryan Bell

Department of Agriculture and Food:  
Darrell Gillman, UDAF

Guests:

### SUMMARY OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTION

#### MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Todd Thacker , called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Andrea Merrell passed out copies of the minutes for the August 11 Uintah Conservation District (UCD) Board Meeting. The Supervisors reviewed and discussed the minutes.

**Action Item: Jim made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Steve seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous, and the motion passed.**

### UINTAH COUNTY EXTENSION BUSINESS

Cheyenne Reid, USU Extension Agent discussed Drone class—changed to one day. The workshop begins with a spray drone demonstration at Stewart Lake and then back to her office for remainder. Everyone who attends gets a \$40 drone. Will poll everyone to see what additional workshops they

want. This class gives you recreational certification. Each participant will also receive a part 107 study book.

Todd asked the goal of workshop. Cheyenne wants to introduce Uintah County agricultural producers to what they can accomplish with drones. To highlight uses for drones, Cheyenne told the Supervisors a USU team is going to Afton, Wyoming to help find lost cows after a recent wildfire.

She is putting together a Pesticide Applicators workshop for November, and will have more details at the October Board meeting.

### **NRCS BUSINESS**

Jeremy Maycock, District Conservationist, told the Supervisors his staff finished contracting for fiscal year 2025 (which ends 9/30/2025). They are contacting applicants and beginning the planning process for fiscal year 2026. Currently there are 300 applications for the various programs. The Farm Bill expires at the end of September, and at this time it is not approved.

He will be able to give more information about the state of the Farm Bill Programs at the Local Work Group meeting on October 14. Jeremy asked the Supervisors to come prepared with project ideas for Uintah County. Discussion followed on an effort Jim Slauch is leading to obtain funding for a pipeline project.

### **SAGE GROUSE INITIATIVE WORKSHOP**

Cortney Borer told the Supervisors the Sage Grouse workshop conflicts with the last day of the UACD Convention in St. George and asked if they want her to reschedule the workshop. After discussion it was decided to leave it on November 6.

### **WATER OPTIMIZATION SURVEY**

Duane Houston and the Supervisors completed and submitted the survey.

After the survey was completed, Duane showed statistics on acres treated and tons of salt removed by the Colorado River Salinity Program since its inception in 1983. The Uintah Basin surpassed the acres they targeted for treatment.

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR UACD**

Prior to today's meeting Andrea scanned and emailed the Supervisors a file containing resolutions to be presented at the November 5 and 6 UACD Convention in St. George. Darrell explained that resolutions are brought up every 3 years. There is a Resolution Committee that evaluates each

Resolution and determines if it has been taken care of, needs to be changed, or updated. New resolutions need to be turned in by September 19.

Darrell and Supervisors discussed the resolution related to the Colorado River Salinity Program and decided there are updates needed for this resolution. Darrell will work with Jeremy and inform the Supervisors of updates they make to that resolution.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A. Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement.** Andrea gave each Supervisor a copy of the MACU August bank statement, a Balance Sheet as of 9/7/2025, and a Profit and Loss Statement as of 9/7/2025. She reviewed interest earned on the Savings account and reported the ending balance. For the Checking account for two deposits she reported the amount, and source of income. She reported that three checks cleared during August and gave the payee and amount for each. She compared the data as shown on the MACU bank statement with that shown in the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement.

**B. Income after August 31.** Andrea reported there was no income after August 31.

**C. Bills for Payment.** Andrea presented the Supervisors an invoice she received from Duchesne Conservation District (DCD). This invoice is for the purchase of six rolls of weed barrier.

**Action Item: Steve made a motion to accept the financial report as presented and approve payment of the invoice presented. Johnathan seconded the motion. Voting unanimously passed the motion.**

## **SERA**

**A. Upcoming workshops.** Andrea checked with Supervisors for attendance at meetings or workshops in addition to monthly Board meetings during the quarter.

## **ARDL PROPOSAL**

There were no ARDL proposals for today's meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENT**

There were no additional items of business or upcoming events to report.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm by Steve and seconded by Johnathan. Motion passed.**