

MINUTES

WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING

Regular Meeting, November 4, 2025

Wayment Dairy, 1568 n 5900 w, Ogden

ATTENDANCE:

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

John Degiorgio, *Chairman*

Kelly Wansgard, *Supervisor*

Matt Peterson, *Treasurer*

Trevor Wayment, *Supervisor*

Ronald Stratford, *Supervisor*

Jodi Mills, *Clerk*

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):

Parker Wayment, *Resource Coordinator*

Guests:

Bart Cragun, *Weber County Weed Board*

Troy Forrest, *Dept of Ag*

Magie Mathews, *USU Extension*

Connor Peterson, *Dept of Ag*

Dave Adamson, *UDOT*

Adam Wickline, *National Audubon Society*

Taylor Deppen, *Forestry Fire & State Lands*

Jay Olsen, *UDAF*

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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. Ronald Stratford to approve the October 14, 2025, meeting minutes, and was seconded by Mr. Kelly Wangsgard. The motion was carried unanimously.

WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Per Taylor Deppen, Forestry Fire & State Lands, she is looking to collaborate with multiple agencies on some noxious weed management projects. They plan to specifically reseed the burn area just below the 9th Street trailhead. They will be holding a special seeding event on November 14th from 1-4.

UDOT/APA PROJECT

Per Jay Olsen, UDAF, UDOT will be widening some streets along some APA properties. UDOT needs to expedite this process. The board can either reconvene a special committee or review and address any concerns before approval. This project could impact drainage and irrigation on three different properties. According to Dave Adamson, they'll be widening the road to add a median, making the road safer. The project would require the ditches to shift over about 10 feet. Per Jay Olsen, once ground is put into an APA, the APA is in place for 20 years. The county then has one year to review the APA, and then it will either end or renew for another 20 years. Portions of the acreage can be sectioned out and changed if needed while the property is under a current APA. UDAF will draft a letter, and the district will need to provide its own letter of evaluation. Mr. Adamson stated it wasn't until recently that they found the APAs on these properties, and this process should have been started months ago. This is why they would like to expedite the process. John would like good communication between the board and UDOT so they can keep the community informed.

Parker will draft a letter with any concerns and support for the APA and UDOT project. Parker will forward a map as well as the letter fully explaining the project to the board.

RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Per Parker Wayment, the ISM Grant for noxious weed spraying has been approved, and **an invoice has been received for \$15,750 to NCPC Management for 215 hours of spraying. Trevor Wayment made a motion to pay this invoice. Kelly Wangsgard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Parker also received an invoice for \$975 to Airfield Ag. and will forward it for payment.

The Non-Point Source Grant for virtual fencing in Ogden Valley for \$17,080.00 invoice will be coming soon. Parker encourages the board to go see the towers and the system. The district owns the towers, and the collars are leased or purchased by the producers. The towers cost \$4500 a piece. Chris Argyle is the producer who has set up this initial project. He will be coming to a meeting to set up the lease agreement info.

Now is the time to start planning next year's Grill Your District. The Timbermine, as the venue, is expensive, but it has definitely been a great draw in the past. It might be a good time to reach out to some sponsors.

EXTENSION UPDATE

Per Magie Mathews, they are choosing Water Fair dates, likely the last week of April. This would make it hard for the district to facilitate Farm Field Days; they encouraged her to suggest March dates instead.

WEED BOARD UPDATE

Per Bart, Rush Skeleton Weed is spreading and has been found on Antelope Island. Rush Skeleton Weed needs to be a major focus and be controlled quickly. It is a very aggressive and detrimental weed.

GREAT SALT LAKE UPDATE

Per Adam Wickline, his application for a Phragmites Spraying project on the shores of The Great Salt Lake is still in the works, but it has been delayed due to the government shutdown. The application deadline has been extended until January.

OTHER

Per Butch, he received an email from Utah State, which is looking for producers to partner with to monitor secondary water for PFAS and plastics. Butch will forward the info to Parker.

The next meeting will be held on December 11th, 2025.