

KAMAS VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Location: Kamas Valley Conservation District

Board Members Present:

Jodi Mills, Parker Wayment, Elizabeth Cohen, Kenny Oswald, Melissa Atkinson, Jason Averett, Brandon Withers, Brenda Bushell, Lloyd Marchant

The meeting was called to order by Lloyd Marchant. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. **Jason Averett made a motion to approve the January minutes.**

Melissa Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lloyd Marchant reported that during clerk training it was discussed that when a meeting date is changed, a motion must be made during the meeting in the previous month to approve the change.

The board discussed the Zone Conference scheduled for March 12 at 5:00 PM. Due to uncertainty regarding attendance, the board decided to hold the regular meeting on March 4 as scheduled.

Lloyd also reported that the clerk and treasurer should work together on district financial matters.

Parker Wayment and Jason Averett provided an update regarding the Vence collars.

Craig McKnight has decided not to use the collars next summer. He currently has 235 collars available for other producers. Brandon Withers mentioned that Wes Siddoway might be interested.

Producers participating through the grant program can use the collars at no cost. Producers interested in participating may speak with Jason Averett and sign up during the Grill Your District event.

The Soil Conservation District owns the towers and trailers used for the system, while the collars are leased from Vence. The lease cost is \$50 per collar and battery. A tower and trailer are currently located at Craig McKnight's barn.

Parker noted that all grant funds must be spent by December 31.

Parker Wayment submitted a receipt for \$122.00 for postage used to mail Grill Your District postcards. **Brenda Bushell made a motion to reimburse Parker Wayment \$122.00 for the postage expense. Melissa Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Jason Averett also submitted a receipt for Grill Your District expenses for approximately the same amount. It was agreed that the Summit District would reimburse him.

Jason Averett reported that he visited Black Cliffs Equipment in Heber regarding parts needed to repair the 10-foot no-till drill. The parts total \$186.62. **Brenda Bushell made a motion to approve the purchase of the repair parts. Brandon Withers seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Lloyd Marchant noted that no minutes were recorded for the July meeting.

Brenda Bushell explained that no SERA funds were used and the meal expense was paid using grant funds, which eliminated the need to submit for reimbursement.

Lloyd reported that Colby contacted him regarding the district computer.

Wade Judd indicated that the typical useful life of a computer is seven years. The board believes the current computer is approximately four years old. The estimated value of the computer is \$200.

Brenda Bushell researched replacement options and found that a MacBook on Amazon is approximately \$1,600.

The board authorized Melissa Atkinson to negotiate a price with Colby of \$300.00.

Lloyd asked Parker Wayment to update the district email listed on the website.

Lloyd presented a letter of interest from Jodi Mills for the position of Secretary.

Jason Averett made a motion to appoint Jodi Mills as Secretary at a rate of \$6,000 per year. Brenda Bushell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lloyd Marchant will notify Jodi Mills.

Lloyd asked for an update regarding the Provo River Project.

Brandon Withers reported that he had not been receiving project emails. Brenda Bushell contacted Rachel to add Brandon's email to the distribution list.

Parker Wayment reported that Smoots currently has the project on hold. Paul Burnett is not willing to proceed until the project is completed properly. Recent emails appear to relate to another phase of the project.

Lloyd expressed concern about potential boundary changes, and the board reviewed the UACD map.

Jason Averett discussed the ISM grant.

Jason suggested that some of the grant funds could potentially be used to purchase a drone for district use. The estimated cost of the drone is approximately \$16,000, and a pilot's license would be required to operate it.

Jace plans to apply for \$28,000 in grant funding, which would include:

\$10,000 for contract work

\$5,000 for seed

\$13,000 for chemical

Lloyd noted that he currently has 18 boxes of Roundup stored in his shop.

Brenda Bushell mentioned that Wasatch County organizes forest spray days, which could provide opportunities for community involvement.

Melissa Atkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Brandon Withers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kamas Valley Conservation District Secretary- Jodi Mills