

Dixie Conservation District Meeting
February 24, 2026 1:00-2:00 p.m.
USU Extension Office, Hurricane, Utah

Attendance- Those in attendance: Stuart Bowler - Chairman, Loyd Jessop - VC, Kelly Blake – Treasurer, Sam Larson -UCC, Ken Richins, Kristy Bowler-Clerk; Tyce Palmer- UDAF; Mike Marshall-NRCS, Ben Scow– USU Extension, Brad Winder- Washington County Weeds, David Montague-DWR, Kasin Hulet- DNR, Gary Webster- Mike Lee representative, Randy Bowler - Guest

Welcome called to order-Action Item -Approve Meeting Minutes-The Jan. minutes were reviewed, **Kelly Blake made a motion to approve minutes, Loyd Jessop 2nd the motion, motion approved. Mail/Bills –**No mail, no bills. **Financial Report-** Financial report given, **Kelly Blake made a motion to approve Financial Report, Loyd Jessop 2nd the motion, motion approved.**

Review Soil Health Conference- Sam Larson reported that it was a good conference. Ken Richins attended conference but not the whole time. Tyce reported it was a little down in attendance with good break out sessions. Brad Hunter gave a good report on soil health. Brayden McMurray gave good report on cow collars, good breakout sessions.

Discuss Zone Meeting- Tyce Palmer had a handout on the Zone Meeting in March, Tyce reported that there is one hour set aside for training. Talked about representation and invitations.

Review NACD Conference- Stuart reported on attending San Antonio conference stating it was good conference with good breakout sessions. Interviewing for Desiree Van Dykes position on Friday.

District Board Appointees- Tyce read the guidelines for the Board appointments and every two years you are asked to (re-up) commitment to serve.

Approve Clerk Contract-Action Item- **Kelly Blake made a motion to approve Clerk Contract, Sam Larson 2nd the motion, motion approved.**

Discuss District Review Meeting- Tyce Palmer reported that there is a meeting on May 13th with Jim Bowcutt and Jace Farnsworth and County Commissioners to discuss consolidating districts with input from Districts, elected officials, and others.

UDAF/Zone Business- Tyce Palmer reminder of Zone Meeting and tree program.

USU Extension- Ben Scow had a handout on AZ/UT workshop. It will be held in March. Farm Field Days will be held Nov. 3-5 discussing different breakout sessions. There are 1200 students that attend and had to break it down into 2 different groups with a group in April.

NRCS – Mike Marshall reported No information on Hurricane Water Project or Veyo Water Project suggested talking to Brandon Todd. Mike Marshall conducting Local Workgroup after District Meeting.

Legislative Business- Gary Webster reported that he had received invite for Zone Meeting. Mike Lee is working on Save America Act. There is a confirmation for BLM Director tomorrow. Sam Larson asked Government Shutdown stating that if they are shut down they shouldn't get paid. Sen. Lee is working with other senators to have them come and speak he has 50+ the vice president.

County Business-Brad Winder reported that there was a weed conference last week talking about several different weeds with demonstration. Good conference with a good turnout.

The ISM grant period is open right now looking to get grant for Giant Reeds and replacing the reeds with a suitable plant.

Ariel spraying 1200 acres on Red Cliffs with spot spraying makes a big difference in fire control, cost is more but very effective.

Additional Business-Met David Montague from DWR

DNR- Kasin Hulet is the new Habitat Restoration Specialist. He introduced himself and his position.

Board Comments – Stuart thanked everyone for coming and everything that they do.

Adjourn Meeting-Sam Larson made a motion to adjourn, Loyd Jessop 2nd the motion, motion approved. Meeting adjourned 2:00

Signed SERA forms and discussed turning in receipts.

Mike Marshall, NRCS opened Local Workgroup Meeting.

Group discussed and set priorities for the upcoming year. Hurricane and Veyo Irrigation projects were top conservation priorities.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm