

MINUTES
WEBER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WCD) MEETING

Regular Meeting, May 5, 2026

FSA Office 2871 S Commerce Way, Ogden, Utah 84401

ATTENDANCE:

Appointed Weber Conservation District (WCD) Voting Members:

John Degiorgio, *Chairman* (Present)

Kelly Wansgard, *Supervisor* (Present)

Matt Peterson, *Treasurer*

Trevor Wayment, *Supervisor* (Present)

Ronald Stratford, *Supervisor*

Jodi Mills, *Clerk* (Present)

Guests:

Bart Cragun, *Weber County Weed Board*

Adam Wickline, *National Audubon Society*

Parker Wayment, *Resource Coordinator*

Jessica Reynolds, *Weber River Partnership*

Kenny Oswald, *NRCS District Conservationist*

Deborah Van Noy, *Utah Ag Land Trust*

Emily Bishop, *NRCS Planner*

Magi Mathews, *USU Extension Agent*

Jace Farnsworth, *Deputy Director of Conservation*

Jace Atkinson, *NRCS and UDAF Planner*

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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. Kelly Wangsgard to approve the April 7th 2026, meeting minutes, and was seconded by Mr. Trevor Wayment. The motion was carried unanimously.**

RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Parker Wayment, Resource Coordinator, the current SERA Budget is \$3000.00 per year. Parker proposed lowering the budget to \$2700.00, which will be sufficient unless someone decides to travel to the UACD Conference in November.

The upcoming 2026 UCC Meeting and Field Tour is scheduled for June 2nd in Richfield, Utah. The board is encouraged to attend.

Ag VIP applications will open on May 1st. This year the program is expanding to include certified nutrient management, soil health practices, and irrigation to help maximize your income potential. Applications will be open until June 22nd. This is a new program that has been built on top of the original program, so previous participants can reapply.

Parker had each board member review and sign Conflict of Interest Forms.

Trevor and Kelly have been reappointed, and Parker will arrange to have them sworn in.

Parker is continuing to coordinate with Bart Cragun, from the Weber County Weed Board, for weed control projects

NRCS UPDATE

Kenny Oswald, District Conservationist, provided a brief NRCS update.

Per Jace Atkinson, NRCS and UDAF Planner, Producers can go to ag.utah.gov for drought resources. On this website, you can find a recording from the Tremonton meeting to watch and find all the resources that are currently available.

EXTENSION UPDATE

Magi Mathews, USU Extension, reported that Farm Field Days, scheduled for May 7–8, is fully organized with current enrollment at 436 students, with one school on the waitlist, and 3 homeschool families. Maggi discussed the schedule of presenters and asked the board to be in charge of the Seed and Plants table, as well as Cookie the Cow. The board organized the schedule to accommodate the needs.

WEED BOARD UPDATE

Bart Cragun, Weber County Weed Board, is working to get things organized for the summer season and is waiting on a new tractor and mower, as well as working to hire employees for the summer.

Bart is receiving interest in a bag of woad program. The district used to run this program, but it was a large project that they stopped doing several years ago. Parker is wondering if this would be something the Weed Board should take on. Per Parker, there are grant opportunities that could help fund this project. Parker suggests getting multiple agencies involved to spread the work out more. The Conservation District in Morgan County is still running this program and pay, \$15 per bag. The program runs for 4 weeks, with a weekly Wednesday payout. After ISM application processing and award time, the soonest the board could start the program would be in the spring of 2028

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Per John, Chairman, the Davis Conservation District felt the Grill Your District Event was a success. Parker suggested having it catered and shortening the event to be more like an open house would be something to consider for next year. To make this work, they would need to find a good venue. The Timbermine is an excellent draw, but we might be able to build on the crowd that has been coming the last two years. And save money on using a catered meal instead of the Timbermine. The district will be reimbursed approx. \$26 per person for the \$46 per plate charges. Parker was able to secure \$4100.00 in sponsorship money, and he will finish collecting those funds soon. The sponsorship money will be split with the Davis District based on how many from each district attended.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION

Per Jace Farnsworth, the Deputy Director of Conservation, at the recent Legislator meeting, there was discussion of how to cut back on overhead. The Wasatch Front had the most legislators in attendance, with 5 attending, and they hope to grow this influence in the future. They are working to rebuild the activity of the Conservation Districts, and there has been some discussion about either combining some districts or dividing the funding based on applications rather than evenly. One option would be one district per county instead of the current mapping, which is currently done per watershed. There was also discussion as to how to encourage younger generations to have an interest in farming and becoming producers. The average age in Conservation Districts is 60+. The board suggested more FFA outreach. Magi suggested looking for grants to fund intern programs. Legislation is being written to fund new farmers and producers to make it more affordable to start a farming practice. Another suggestion is to hold an AG Expo and to invite the FFA chapters to show them opportunities available in AG.

APPROVED FINANCES

Trevor Wayment made a motion to raise the current Clerk salary from \$5000.00 to \$7000.00 beginning with the new contract on July 1st. The motion was seconded by Kelly Wangsgard and approved.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Start 9:00 a.m.

Meeting End 10:39 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 4, 2026