

MEETING MINUTES
DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

THURSDAY, April 2, 2026

Location: Millard County Extension Office
Address: 83 Manzanita Ave, Delta, UT 84624

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Klint Atkinson, Brandon Anderson, and Jim Withers.

Troy Davis and Jared Bryan are excused.

Clerk: Stacey Lake

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF): JP Conteras, Jesse Durrant

Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS): Tyrel Belnap, Jesse Durrant

Millard County – USU Extension: Kalen Taylor

Millard County Commissioner: Unable to attend

DELTA CD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Brandon Anderson called the meeting to order at **10:00 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

Approval of March 5, 2026, meeting minutes. -Page 1

Approval of current financials. -Page 3

Approval of reimbursement for Entity Renewal, \$25.00. -Page 3 *Check # 1125

Adjourn meeting at 11:00 a.m. Page 3

Meeting Minutes

- a) March 5, 2026, meeting minutes were reviewed. **Klint Atkinson motioned to accept the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

Board Business:

- a) Conservationist of the year nominee is still pending.
- b) Gopher machines are in good working order. Use is slow due to dry conditions.
- c) Farm Field Day will possibly be in September. Jim will line up dairy kits and milk for the students.
- d) District Strategy Meeting will be held on May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in Richfield, Utah. (SERA approved)
- e) Supervisors discussed the UACD Poster Program, no one has heard about the program yet.

UDAF Business: JP Conteras, Jesse Durrant

- Tree Program is wrapping up. Pick up date is still pending.
- Water Optimization Program ranking process is complete and applicants have been notified.
- Open Grants:
 - *Utah Pollinator Habitat Program: Now - April 15, 2026. Liz Hamilton*
 - The Utah Pollinator Habitat Program is gearing up to open its 2026 application period on March 1, 2026, and will run through April 15, 2026. This program offers grants to help create and expand native pollinator-friendly habitat by providing plants and seeds to landowners, organizations, and agencies across Utah. Whether you're an individual, nonprofit, or business, this is a great chance to support pollinators like bees, butterflies, and other beneficial species while enhancing your landscape. This can be done in yards. Use in pivot corners in encouraged.

- *LeRay McAllister Working Farm & Ranch Fund: Now - Year-Round.*
 - The LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund supports the preservation of Utah's agricultural lands through conservation easement grants. Eligible applicants include local governments, nonprofit land trusts, tribes, and other eligible entities capable of holding and stewarding perpetual conservation easements.
 - *Predatory Animal Control Grant: Deadline is August 31, 2026*
 - Eligibility: livestock producers who have suffered predation losses
 - Maximum Request: \$150,000
 - *Small Livestock Operation Grant: Deadline December 31, 2026*
 - Eligibility: 20 to 75 animal units (minimum: 20 cows, 100 sheep, 130 goats or equivalent)
 - Must be producing food and fiber for sale
 - Not for purchasing/leasing land or livestock Comment end
 - Maximum Request: \$10,000
 - Application Deadline: December 31
 - *Utah Grazing Improvement Program Grant: Deadline December 31, 2026*
 - Eligibility: livestock operations
 - Maximum Request: \$200,000
 - EDRL Loan
 - Unsecured 7-year fully amortized loan
 - 0% interest for the first 2 years, 2.75% thereafter
 - Loan max \$100,000 per entity
 - Farmers and Ranchers
 - ARDL Loan
 - Low interest rates with loan terms between 7-15 years
 - Farmers, Ranchers, and Irrigation Companies
 - *Grants coming soon:*
 - AgVIP: Agricultural Voluntary Incentives
 - Agricultural Water Optimization Program
 - Invasive Species Mitigation Weed Control Grant
 - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
 - Utah Food Security Grant
- 2026 Drought Meetings:
 - Monday, April 20th, 6 p.m., Cedar City -Social Hall
 - Tuesday, April 21st, 6 p.m., Richfield -Fairgrounds
 - Wednesday, April 22nd, 4:30 p.m., Vernal -Commission Chambers
 - Thursday, April 23rd, 4:30 p.m., Green River -Senior Center
 - Friday, April 24th, 6 p.m., Tremonton -Fairgrounds
- Reminder for the May 14th, District Strategy Meeting in Richfield, UT at 6:00 p.m.
 - State and Local Legislation
 - Commissioners
 - Supervisors
 - Purpose and future of Utah Conservation
 - Everyone is required/encouraged to attend
- Discussion of the Gopher Abatement program. Sevier CD would like to start a program. Discussed ways to trap them, how much money is paid for pests.

- Grasshopper Control Program:
 - The program emphasizes:
 - Early detection and population monitoring
 - Coordinated response planning with local and federal partners
 - Targeted treatments in areas that meet established thresholds
 - Responsible use of control methods to minimize impacts to non-target species
 - Grasshoppers or Mormon Crickets
 - Application process is being revised to make it easier to apply.
 - Rates will vary depending on application process.
 - Encouraged to get neighbors to apply as well.

NRCS: Tyrell Belnap, Jesse Durrant

- Snow Water Equivalent map reviewed
- Local Work Group meeting was reviewed.
 - Top five Resource Concerns to focus on from the three districts:
 - Source Water Depletion
 - Pest Pressure
 - Soil Quality -Soil Health
 - Greater Plant Condition
 - Livestock Production Limitations
- SFP has one year left.
 - 50+ applications as of 2026, 2 funded in 2025, and 5 funded in 2024. Options would be to ask for an extension for SFP. If needed, plan could be adjusted to set a priority area and improve the plan for a smaller focus. Discussed contacting the irrigation companies, and/or president of irrigation companies to help come up with a priority list/plan.
 - SFP is on hold for FY27, pending approval. Process changes.
 - Ranking deadline 4/5/2026. Between 130-140 applications this year. Should have approvals next week. \$900,000 available last year, \$600,000 available this year. Additional money could be available at a later date.

Extension Service Business: Kalen Taylor

- Millard County Spring Horticulture Series Workshops, admission is free.
- RSVP for each class in advance via Evenbrite: <https://www.evenbrite.com/e/millard-county-horticulture-series-tickets-1983830317884?aff=oddttdtcreator>
 - Tree Planting Class: April 9th, 6:00 p.m. in Delta
 - Soil Amendments & Garden Planning: May 5th, 6:00 p.m. in Delta
 - Common Garden Pests & Problems: June 2nd, 6:00 p.m. in Delta
- Applied for a grant to research plants/vegetation that deter gophers from destroying trees/vegetation.
- Preparing area's crop progress reports for National Ag Statistics.
- Eskdale area is part of Millard's area, along with Lynndyl and Leamington. Area's go off of water sheds.
- Millard's resolution is still in process. Kristy Davis is preparing the draft. Districts in agreement will submit together.

Commissioner Business: unable to attend.

Financial:

- Current financials were reviewed by the board. **Klint Atkinson motioned to accept the current financials. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**
- Entity Renewal for \$25.00. Reimburse Stacey Lake for payment. **Klint Atkinson motioned to reimburse Stacey Lake, \$25.00, for Entity Renewal. Jim Withers seconded. Motion approved unanimously. *Check # 1125**

Jim Withers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Klint Atkinson seconded. Motion approved unanimously.