

Working - MEETING MINUTES
DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
THURSDAY, May 7, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Klint Atkinson

Brandon Anderson, Jared Bryan, Troy Davis, and Jim Withers are excused.

Clerk: Stacey Lake

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

Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS): Tyrel Belnap

Millard County – USU Extension: Unable to attend

Millard County Commissioner: Unable to attend

DELTA CD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Klint Atkinson called the meeting to order at **10:30 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

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

Meeting Minutes

- a) April 2, 2026, meeting minutes will be reviewed at the June 4, 2026, meeting.

Board Business:

- a) District Strategy Meeting will be held on May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in Richfield, Utah. (SERA approved)

UDAF Business: JP Conteras, Jesse Durrant

- a) May 14th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Conservation District Legislative, County, and Partner Leadership Meeting
 - Discussion to strengthen Utah's conservation districts
 - In Attendance: Conservation Districts, State Legislators, County Commissioners, UDAF, USDA, NRCS.
 - Topics include:
 - Conservation Districts Highlights
 - Purpose of Conservation Districts
 - Future of Conservation Districts of Utah
 - How to Strengthen Our Conservation Districts
- b) 2026 UCC Meeting and Field Tour – Zone 4, will be held June 2nd, 2026. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - USDA Field Office, 340 N 600 E., Richfield, UT
 - Field Tour starts at Redmond Minerals for Salt Mine and Farm Tour
 - ARDL program – Fodder System
 - Field Stops – Water Optimization, Land Conservation Easements.
 - UCC Meeting at USDA Office
- c) Reviewed the resolution that Millard CD and Kristy Davis are working on.
- d) Plant Industry Agriculture Inspector Regions contact list and map given out.

e) *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.

f) *Predatory Animal Control Grant: Deadline is August 31, 2026*

- Eligibility: livestock producers who have suffered predation losses
- Maximum Request: \$150,000

g) *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

h) *Utah Grazing Improvement Program Grant: Deadline December 31, 2026*

- Eligibility: livestock operations
- Maximum Request: \$200,000

i) *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

j) *ARDL Loan*

- Low interest rates with loan terms between 7-15 years
- Farmers, Ranchers, and Irrigation Companies
- *AG VIP: May 1st to June 22nd*
 - *Nutrient Management*
 - *Soil Health*
 - *Other Conservation Elements: pest management, irrigation water management, water quality improvement, riparian restoration activities.*

i) *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

- a) Updates will be discussed at next meeting.

Extension Service Business: Kalen Taylor -via text

- a) 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=oddtcreator>
 - Common Garden Pests & Problems: June 2nd, 6:00 p.m. in Delta
- b) While attending the drought workshop in Richfield. The BLM and Forest Service are maintaining optimism on numbers for permits. This could change if the weather pattern doesn't change and bring some rain.
- c) A digital spreadsheet was received from the drought workshop. It has tools to fill in hay and cattle prices and productivity to help ranchers figure out at what point they may need to cull or cut some numbers based on their profit margins. Kalen will be happy to send this spreadsheet to anyone who is interested. It is a good tool to factor in replacement prices and timing growth vs cuts.

Commissioner Business: unable to attend.

Financial:

- a) Current Financials will be reviewed at the June 4, 2026, meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.