

MEETING MINUTES
DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
THURSDAY, August 6, 2026
Location: Millard County Extension Office
Address: 83 Manzanita Ave, Delta, UT 84624

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Klint Atkinson, Brandon Anderson, and Troy Davis

Jim Withers and Jared Bryan are excused.

Clerk: Stacey Lake

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF): Jesse Durrant, J.P. Contreras

Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS): Jesse Durrant

Millard County – USU Extension: Kalen Taylor

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

Approval of July 2, 2026, meeting minutes. Page 1

Approval of current financials. Page 1

Approval to pay 2027 UACD dues, \$1675. Page 3

Approval to pay Crime Insurance of \$27.84, to UACD. Page 3

Approval to adjourn regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. Page 3

Meeting Minutes

- a) July 2, 2026, meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. **Klint Atkinson motioned to approve June 4, 2026, meeting minutes. Troy Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**

Board Business:

- a) Farm Field Day will be decided as soon as school starts, and Farm Bureau is contacted. J.P. will line up the watershed trailer.
- b) Poster Contest will begin in September. Courtney will provide a flyer to give to 3rd grade teachers.
 - First place \$100, Second place \$75, Third place \$50.
 - Due September 30, 2026.
- c) Conservationist of the Year was discussed; Doug has already been a recipient. Other ideas were discussed. Theo Berry, Tony Anderson, and Kevin Knight were discussed.
- d) The Gopher machines are in good working order.
- e) Training Modules are pending until the next meeting. Modules 1 and 2 are completed.
- f) FY27 project ideas were discussed using the ISM program, beginning with the application, targeting private ground with an ariel map, and then meeting with producers.
- g) Conservationist of the year was discussed. Possibly do a conservationist supporter of the year.
- h) The Board wishes to invite Kevin Morris to future Delta Conservation District meetings.

UDAF Business: J.P. Contreras, Jesse Durrant

- a) AG VIP applications have been ranked and approved. Producers have been notified. There was one applicant in Delta who received funds in the amount of \$75,000 for approximately 1190 acres.
- b) Tony Richards is now over Soil Health and AG VIP.
- c) Katie Ottman is now over the Water Optimization Program
- d) J.P. attended a Resource Coordinator training. There is a new process for reimbursements and payments. It will be done quarterly. SERA payment requests will require a mileage map for supervisors. Approvements will need to be made for each meeting. Information will be signed and turned into J.P.; he will turn it into Cathy. This must be done within 30 days of the end of quarter, or it will be denied.
- e) UACD Convention will be held in November.
- f) GRAMA requests are being requested by AI. If this happens, we need to report it.
- g) A separate Post Office box needs to be set up for Delta Conservation District.
- h) UACD Crime Insurance will be used, and the Treasurer Bond will not be renewed in January.
- i) J.P. has discussed equipment insurance with Josh Mchale at the Government Trust regarding the equipment that the Districts own, both on liability, usage, damage, theft, and injury. We have people sign a waiver when the gopher machines are rented.
- j) J.P. spoke with Millard CD regarding the resolution they are working on with Kristy Davis concerning the Data Centers.
- k) ISM grant
 - ISM grants enabled a wide range of projects across the state, from early detection and rapid response efforts to large-scale treatments and long-term restoration, helping to reduce noxious weed populations and protect key water, wildlife, and agricultural resources. To date, the program has driven invasive species treatment and prevention efforts across more than 7.7 million acres of federal, private, and state lands statewide, protecting working farms, ranches, and critical habitat.
 - The grant program funds eligible activities including:
 - Early detection and rapid response to new invasions
 - Control and containment of high-priority invasive species
 - Treatment of critical acres that protect larger landscapes
 - Monitoring, prevention, and rehabilitation efforts
 - Research related to invasive species mitigation
 - Eligible applicants include universities, cooperative weed management areas (CWMA's), county weed boards, conservation districts, federal and state agencies, tribal entities, private landowners, and nonprofit organizations. Projects may be funded for one year with the possibility of multi-year support based on available funds.
 - Applications are now open through March 20, 2026, and interested applicants can apply online at <https://ag.utah.gov/plant-industry/noxious-weed/invasive-species-mitigation-grant/>. Prospective applicants are encouraged to begin early and review the program's guidelines and ranking criteria ahead of submission.
- l) 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
- m) ARDL Loan
 - Low interest rates with loan terms between 7-15 years
 - Farmers, Ranchers, and Irrigation Companies

n) *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.

o) *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

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

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

NRCS: Jesse Durrant

- a) The last contract has been submitted.
- b) Field offices have received approximately \$500,000 for the fires. This functions like an EQUIP. It is for anyone affected by the fire within the fire boundary. It will help with things like seeding, refencing, brush management, E collars, prescribed grazing, livestock watering and pipeline. Majority of some projects are on Forest Service Land; they will help pay for things.
- c)

Extension Service Business: Kalen Taylor

- a) Pesticide Safety Training to be held in November or December. CU credits will be available.
 - One in Juab, 3 hours.
 - One in Delta, 3 hours. December 2, 2026, evening with dinner.
 - One in Fillmore, 3 hours. December 3, 2026, mid-morning with lunch.
- b) Tree Program request for more options that will grow better in our area.
- c) Gopher Abatement Project is ready to go. A table will be available at the fair to turn in tails.

Commissioner Business: unable to attend.

Financial:

- a) Current Financials were reviewed. **Klint Atkinson motioned to accept current financials. Troy Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
- b) 2027 UACD Dues Invoice was reviewed by the board. The total due is \$1675.00. UACD Annual Dues, \$750. Utah Ag in the Classroom, \$125. Envirothon Support \$800. **Klint Atkinson motioned to accept and pay \$1675, for the 2027 UACD Dues Invoice, Troy Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**
- c) The UACD has obtained a combined policy for Crime Insurance to cover the districts. The first payment is \$27.84, payable to UACD. This was approved at the July 2, 2026, meeting.

Klint Atkinson motioned to Adjourn open meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting will be held in October along with the Farm Field Day.