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Meeting Minutes

FREMONT CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CD) REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 27, 2022. 1:00 pm. Wayne County Courthouse, Loa Utah

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Kerry Cook, Mack Morrell, Jason Jackson

NRCS: JP Contreras

Extension: Trent Wilde

Watershed: Dallan Hayden

USDA: Brett Gurney

UACD: Tracy Balch

Excused: Morgan Wood, James Pace

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FREMONT CD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Cook Called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. **Jason Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda. Kerry Cook seconded it. All in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Review of minutes. **Mack Morrell made a motion to approve the minutes from March 23rd. Kerry Cook seconded the motion. All in favor.**

FINANCIAL

Jason Jackson made a motion to pay the bills. Mack Morrell seconded it.

Bills: Clerk training meal paid to Sevier CD for \$32.05

Entity Renewal to State of Utah for \$25.00

Reimbursement to Tacey Wood for external hard drive for \$47.97

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Kerry Cook talked about upcoming meetings. The UACD summer meeting will be June 7th. Meeting will be in Provo. Rooms need to be arranged with Kristy Davis by May 6th. Kerry Cook also mentioned there will be a soil health workshop in Panguitch which Fremont River CD will sponsor with \$100. **Jason Jackson made a motion to use SERA to pay for travel for the UACD summer meeting and the soil health workshop in Panguitch and to sponsor the soil health workshop for \$100.00 Mack Morrell seconded it.**

CONSERVATION BUSINESS

Kerry Cook passed around two scholarship applications for review. The board members reviewed them and agreed to split the scholarship amount of \$800 into two \$400 scholarships.

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Mack Morrell made a motion to accept and approve a \$400 scholarship award to each of the two applicants. Jason Jackson seconded it.

Tacey Wood mentioned that the QuickBooks software needed to be purchased for the district to be able to track financials. It is a monthly subscription of \$25 per month. **Jason Jackson motioned to reimburse Tacey Wood quarterly for the Quickbooks subscription. Mack Morrell seconded it.**

Tracy Balch mentioned that Fremont RiverCD made \$725 from tree sales and had sold 180 trees.

UDAC and UACD Zone 4 Business

Tracy Balch informed the board that watershed councils are being put together across the state. There will be 12 of them. Trent Wilde added that there has been discussion of subbasin councils being created because the 12 councils cover vast areas. Tracy Balch mentioned that it would be a good idea to subscribe to the Watershed Council Act newsletter to stay informed. You can subscribe online and the newsletter is emailed. There was a brief discussion on the importance of being informed on the watershed councils and the Watershed Council Act. Trent Wilde gave some information on the water plan for the state and legislation that didn't pass that gives the governor and the state engineer the power to be able to reassign water rights in times of emergency drought years.

ARDL

Brett Gurney mentioned that the EDLP program ends soon. It has been extended and encouraged the board to spread the word to get applications in soon. He reviewed with the board the criteria to be eligible for ARDL funding.

WATERSHED

Dallon Hayden said that he had one application come through for Water Optimization funding. He mentioned that more funds would be available beginning in July. He also mentioned Kendra Young was hired to help with applications.

NRCS

JP Contreras said he was currently working on the Loa town ditch problem. He had met with the president of the irrigation company and is currently working on project options to fix the flooding and seepage problem with the highline. This would be a project for fiscal year 24 and would span the full 5 year project time. Tracy Balch mentioned that the Loa town and Highline project could possibly be funded with PL566 funding where they are larger projects.

Extension

Trent Wilde informed the board that there is 500 million dollars available in PL566 funding and 300 million in emergency watershed funding on the national level. There is also 180 million in dam rehabilitation program funding. There are several federal programs with a surplus of money. Trent Wilde gave an update on the sage grouse counts. As of April 14th the numbers were slightly up but not where they need to be. The BLM will be redoing their management plans. He mentioned that Parker Mountain Reduction Management would be doing brush reduction soon. He also mentioned that the Parker Mountain Grazers lease is up for bid until the end of the month.

He informed the board that Six county was pulling some funding from each county to pool it together and provide financial support for a local meat processing plant to be built.

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There is a new 4H position in the county. They hired Larsen Perkins full time to cover Wayne and Piute counties. The Central Utah Grazing expo is scheduled for September. They will be tagging lambs and goats on May 11 for stock show. There was a brief discussion on the need for local meat processing plants.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tracy Balch mentioned that the clerk needed to submit an invoice for pay and mileage for the clerk training. Jason Jackson gave an update on the Hanksville Diversion. Currently, NRCS is paying for two pumps to disperse water. They think it will take two years before they can rebuild. They are rebuilding at the original site. Jason Jackson asked Tracy Balch if she had information on the reservoir plans. She said she hadn't heard anything but would follow up. The next Fremont River CD meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 1:00pm at the Wayne County Courthouse. **Jason Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm