



KERRY COOK, MACK MORRELL, JAMES PACE, JASON JACKSON, MORGAN WOOD

Meeting Minutes

FREMONT CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CD) REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 25, 2022. 1:00 pm. Wayne County Courthouse, Loa Utah

ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS: Kerry Cook, Mack Morrell, Jason Jackson

UACD: JP Contreras

Extension: Trent Wilde

Watershed: Dallan Hayden

DWQ: Brett Gurney, Amy
Dicky

NCRS: Brian Miller

UDAF: Tracy Balch, Jim
Bowcutt, Quade Fautin

Excused: Morgan Wood, James Pace

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACTIONS

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FREMONT CD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Cook Called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. **Mack Morrell made a motion to approve the agenda. Jason Jackson seconded it.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Review of minutes. **Jason Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from April 27th. Mack Morrell seconded the motion.**

FINANCIAL

Kerry Cook asked Trent Wilde about the invoice for the soil workshop in Panguitch. Trent Wilde said he hadn't seen one yet but was thankful for the support of the CD to sponsor. **Jason Jackson made a motion to pay the Sevier CD bill. Mack Morrell seconded it.**

Bills: Sevier CD \$415.27 for tree expense check #704

Jim Bowcutt mentioned that they will reimburse up to \$6000 for clerk pay.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Kerry Cook talked about the UACD summer meeting June 7th. Meeting will be in Lehi for the chairman or representative of the district. **Mack Morrell made a motion to use SERA to pay for travel for the UACD summer meeting and the soil health workshop in Panguitch. Jason Jackson seconded it.** Kerry Cook talked about the importance of attending these types of meetings and workshops.



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UDAF

Tracy Balch asked if a check had been received from Sevier CD for \$701. It was for tree sales. There were 9 orders. Thirty trees were donated and the cost was divided between districts. She said she is going to hold on some of her items until the next meeting when there are more board members present. Items include, training, budget, and plan. Quade Fautin with soil health is working on soil health plans for producers. He is in the Richfield office.

ARDL

Brett Gurney mentioned that on April 21st a second executive order was made by Governor Cox regarding the state of emergency for drought. The commission may use ARDL funds for extraordinary or extenuating circumstances. This is an extension of the loan program. The new deadline for applications is Nov 18th. Reimbursement is available for crop loss, including orchards if the loss is 50% or greater. There is also reimbursement available for loss of stock and feed purchased. The ARDL interest rate is 2.5% to 3%.

WATERSHED

Dallon Hayden mentioned the last round of applications was accepted in April. They are ranking now and should hear back in June. Fremont River had one application. Another round of applications will open at the end of July. Kendra Young in Richfield can help with the applications. Jason Jackson mentioned piping the Cainville ditch might be a good project. Applications are available online. Jim Bowcutt mentioned that costs of materials have skyrocketed and contracts are hard to keep in place. Water optimization funding can help make up the difference. Dallon Hayden mentioned he is looking at a project for a producer in Loa to move corrals away from a water source. He also mentioned some issues with another project that included buffer fencing. The irrigation company said the fence would cause issues and if the fence can't happen the contract needs to be terminated. The fencing was the main focus of the funding. Kerry Cook will follow up with the irrigation company and see what the issues are. Amy Dicky mentioned that there are two non point source applications submitted. Dallon has started water quality monitoring for recreation seasons. This will happen monthly.

NRCS

Brian Miller said they are in the middle of writing contracts. The top four are big projects and should take all the funding. JP will put together the russian olive project and presentation. He is still currently working on the Loa town ditch problem.

Extension

Trent Wilde mentioned they hired a new 4H position. Larsen Perkins is the new full time 4H person for Wayne and Piute county. He reminded everyone about the soil health conference in Panguitch. The Central Utah Grazing Expo was moved to Oct 18-20 in Sevier county. They will tour the Seely fire in Price as well. He reported on a prairie dog tour on Parker mountain. They are doing some sagebrush treatment for Prairie dogs. Trent mentioned that good range management usually benefits everything. He has had some calls about grasshoppers in the koosharem area. UDAF is doing cost share for chemicals to treat grasshoppers. Paperwork needs to be in place before spraying.



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OTHER BUSINESS:

Jim Bowcutt introduced himself and gave a history of his job experience and all the different programs that are available. He led a brief discussion on the pollinator program and easement program. He talked about protecting agriculture and preserving the land and programs that can help. He asked how he can help and wants ideas on how to do things better. Tracy Balch mentioned that the districts need to talk about policy on the UCC about reimbursements. There was a brief discussion on how to generate funding. The next Fremont River CD meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2022 at 1:00pm at the Wayne County Courthouse. **Jason Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 2:33pm