



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TIME & PLACE

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the South Ogden Conservation District convened in a regular monthly meeting. This meeting was held at the district's office located at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah.

ROLL CALL**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph J. Bauman (Chairman)
Brad Wheeler (Trustee)
Sam Hood (Trustee)

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Humphrey (General Manager/Treasurer)
Tamera Martinson (Office Manager/Secretary Clerk)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Hodson (President, Ogden River Water Users' Association)
David Humphreys (Chairman, Weber-Box Elder Conservation District)

MINUTES

Brad Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

WATER

A report on the water situation was given by Jeff Humphrey. Precipitation for April was 3.76 inches and 2.95 inches month-to-date. Ogden River Water Users' Association had 44,175 acre feet of water in the reservoir at the end of April.

CONSTRUCTION

Jeff Humphrey gave a construction update to the Board. He discussed the recent line replacements that have been completed. In addition, he updated them on the progress that has been made on the water meter installations.

**CONNECTION
FEES**

A discussion was held regarding the amount the district charges for connection fees. The current charge is \$200 per connection. The district has not increased the connection fees for over 20 years. With the increasing costs of materials and labor, there is a need to increase the connection fees. After said discussion, Brad Wheeler made a motion to increase the new connection fees to \$400. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

RATE INCREASE STUDY

Jeff Humphrey discussed the increased costs that the district is currently facing as well as the aging infrastructure. Due to the added financial stress and the fact that the district has not had a rate increase study for many years, he has reached out to JUB and EFG Consulting to receive a quote for a rate study for the district. If the Board wishes to move forward with the rate study in 2024, they will need to amend the budget in next month's board meeting. After said discussion, Brad Wheeler motioned to add an agenda item to next month's board meeting in order to amend the 2024 Budget to allow management to pursue the rate study. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Humphrey informed the Board of all of the leaks that surfaced in the main lines and services laterals when the water was turned on. The maintenance crews were very efficient in getting the leaks repaired and the water back on.

Mr. Humphrey discussed movement that has taken place in the different departments of the district when the new meter position was approved. In addition, there was a new employee hired to fill the new vacancy.

In addition, Mr. Humphrey informed the Board of an accident that took place in one of the district's dump trucks where a pedestrian was hit. The individual was taken to the local hospital by ambulance. The pedestrian appeared to be in stable condition. The insurance company was informed and the employee policy was followed. There have been no other updates or information provided pertaining to the accident or insurance claim.

Mr. Humphrey discussed a Water Smart Planning and Project Design Grant through the Bureau of Reclamation. It is a 50/50 cost share grant with estimated cost of about \$400,000 in total.

COMMENTS

None

BILLS

The attached list of bills for April/May was approved for payment upon the motion of Brad Wheeler. The motion was seconded by Sam Hood. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. with a motion from Brad Wheeler. The motion was seconded by Sam Hood and unanimously passed.

Submitted by:
/Tamera Martinson/, Secretary-Clerk