

UTAH BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

BOARD BRIEFING MEETING

June 20, 2024

10:00 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Juliette Tennert

Mike Davis

Kyle Stephens

Charles Holmgren

Brian Steed

Blaine Ipson

Spencer Jones

Randy Crozier

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE

Dana Van Horn

STAFF PRESENT

Director Candice Hasenyager

Deputy Director Joel Williams

Assistant Director Shalaine DeBernardi

Marisa Egbert

Shannon Clough

Ethan Stayner

Anny Baynard

Brad Caldwell

Ben Marett

Michael Sanchez

Tom Cox

Russell Hadley

Ashley Sampson

Madison Martini

Marty Bushman (Attorney General)

Carmen McDonald and Seth Magers AV Team

WELCOME

CHAIR JULIETTE TENNERT called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and announced Board Members present and those online.

JOEL WILLIAMS introduced new staff members Madison Martini (Water Conservation Coordinator) and Ashley Sampson (Office Specialist for Planning Branch).

CANDICE HASENYAGER introduced staff present and those online.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Will be approved in the Board Meeting.

<u>Project#</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>
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FEASIBILITY REPORTS:

RE481	Peterson Pipeline Association	Morgan	Brad Caldwell
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BRAD CALDWELL summarized the project report. KYLE STEPHENS asked a question about the financial feasibility, and if there's been pushback from the residents relative to the cost increase associated with the project. The Association hasn't mentioned any concerns, but will be at the Board meeting to answer questions.

RE483	Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company	Davis	Ben Maret
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BEN MARETT summarized the project and highlighted the exchange of property including UDOT and Military Installation Development Authority (MIDA).

The Board asked for clarification regarding new locations of all the pieces involved - covered canal, I-15, and the residential development. There was also discussion about who would really benefit from Board funding, and if it's really benefiting the canal company or the other government agencies. There was also a question about the estimated water conservation and if that would actually result in reduced depletions. Staff answered questions; clarifying location, that the canal company has this project in their long-term plans and this exchange now allows

them to complete it sooner, and that the amount conserved is reduced losses to evaporation and percolation in the existing canal.

COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:

RM056 Centerville Deuel Creek Irrigation Co. (Meter Loan) Davis Ben Marettt

BEN MARETT summarized the report.

RE480 West Cache Irrigation Company Cache Ethan Stayner

ETHAN STAYNER summarized the report. The Board discussed the project status and if funding projects in Idaho is a problem, but the water is used in Utah so it isn't.

RM115 Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company (Meter Loan) Davis Tom Cox

TOM COX summarized the report and KYLE STEPHENS mentioned the manager of the company will be here to answer questions about both Davis & Weber projects.

RM092 Monroe City (Meter Loan) Sevier Brad Caldwell

BRAD CALDWELL summarized the report.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

RE484 & RM012 Hights Creek Irrigation Company (SSMG) Davis Ethan Stayner

KYLE STEPHENS expressed appreciation to staff for being forward-thinking with the SSMG and helping Hights Creek with their meter project. ETHAN STAYNER summarized the report.

RL582 Payson City (Expansion of Scope) Utah Russell Hadley

RUSSELL HADLEY summarized the project report.

RE450 Draper Irrigation Company (Additional Funds) Salt Lake Russell Hadley

JULIETTE TENNERT stated the applicant is coming to ask for a large amount of additional funds. RUSSELL HADLEY summarized the report and highlighted that the company will be asking for a longer repayment term. The Board discussed the increased costs, what that means to end users, and how it might affect the future phases. BRIAN STEED has questions about the water to be

pumped and how depletions might affect GSL, but will ask the company during the Board meeting.

MARISA EGBERT stated the next three reports (RM008, RM024, RM064) are all projects wanting to convert their ARPA grants in accordance with the law. They've been approved for strategic metering and locations have to be approved by the Division of Water Rights.

RM008 Hyrum City (Convert ARPA Funds) Cache Anny Baynard

ANNY BAYNARD summarized the report, highlighting that the applicant submitted two projects, but recommends funding only one, since the other will not conserve any water. CHARLES HOLMGREN agreed with staff that the project to expand capacity is a regular project, and could be funded with regular Board funds, not ARPA. There was discussion about what happens to the funding that may come back, and the increased grant maximums in the code that would allow applicants who reached their maximum before to get additional funds.

RM024 Johnson Park Pipeline Company (Convert ARPA Funds) Cache Anny Baynard

ANNY BAYNARD summarized the report.

RM064 Paradise Irrigation Company (Convert ARPA Funds) Cache Marisa Egbert

MARISA EGBERT summarized the report, highlighting the request to set a deadline for submitting information. JULIETTE TENNERT asked if they could reapply if the project was withdrawn. CANDICE HASENYAGER answered that this is specific to converting ARPA grant funds, so they wouldn't be able to come back and apply again.

The Board and staff discussed concerns about the additional requirements and lack of communication, and will talk with the company during the Board meeting.

WITHDRAWALS:

MARISA EGBERT summarized the information contained in the Withdrawal Reports. All of these projects are secondary meters, and staff received releases from most of the applicants included in the list. Some applicants did not sign a release, but indicated by phone or email that they did not intend to pursue the meter projects. One of the Districts does not supply secondary water to end users, so they're not eligible for funding.

The Board discussed wanting to reallocate returned ARPA funds to prior applicants whose full requests were not meant, but the Board's Attorney General thinks it may be necessary to open another application period. That will be verified before the Board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

CANDICE HASENYAGER will give a report during the Board meeting, and forgo the full Status of Funds, just highlighting the handout showing about \$25 million of ARPA funds being returned with the motions today.

ADJOURNMENT:

BLAINE IPSON made the motion to adjourn. SPENCER JONES seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.