

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

(Approved October 7, 2024)

Held August 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Conservation Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District was held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 3:03 p.m. at the District office located at 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, Utah.

This meeting was conducted electronically in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (Utah Code Ann. (1953) §§ 52-4-1 et seq.) and Chapter 7.12 of the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual ("Electronic Meetings").

Trustees Present:

Barbara Townsend, Chair
Corey L. Rushton
John H. Taylor (electronic)
Andy Pierucci
Zach Jacob (electronic)
Mick M. Sudbury

Trustees Not Present:

Dawn Ramsey
Karen D. Lang
John Richardson

Staff Present:

Alan Packard, General Manager
Jacob Young, Deputy General Manager
David Martin, Chief Finance Officer/Treasurer
Brian McCleary, Controller
Shazelle Terry, Assistant General Manager
Shane Swenson, Chief Engineer
Mark Stratford, General Counsel
Kurt Ashworth, Human Resource Manager
Mindy Keeling, Executive Assistant
Lisa Wright, Administrative Assistant III
Cheyenne Davis, Customer Services Representative
Gordon Batt, Operations Division Manager
Brad Boren, Facilities & Project Management Division Manager
Kelly Good, Community Engagement Department Manager
Jason Brown, Information Systems Manager
Shaun Moser, Conservation Garden Park Manager
Courtney Brown, Conservation Division Manager
Erik Wermel, Conservation Programs Supervisor
Clifton Smith, Senior Business Data Analyst
Martin Feil, Database Administrator

Other Attendees:

Greg Anderson, General Manager, Kearns Improvement District

Ms. Barbara Townsend, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the Conservation Committee meeting held July 10, 2024.

Ms. Townsend called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Conservation Committee meeting. Mr. Mick Sudbury moved to approve the minutes. Following a second by Mr. Andy Pierucci; the minutes were approved as follows:

Ms. Karen Lang – not present
Mr. John Taylor – aye
Mr. Andy Pierucci – aye
Mr. Mick Sudbury – aye
Mr. Zach Jacob – aye

Mr. Corey Rushton – aye
Ms. Barbara Townsend - aye
Ms. Dawn Ramsey – not present
Mr. John Richardson – not present

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Member Agency Grant Applications – Herriman City and Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District

Mr. Courtney Brown, Conservation Division Manager, presented information to consider providing a grant of \$55,867 to Herriman City for Water Efficiency Standards funding. This will be the fourth year of funding, and the grant would help fund the full-time Water Conservation Coordinator staff position that assists in ensuring compliance with the Water Efficiency Standards and oversees Herriman City's water conservation programs. He explained that the duties include landscape plan reviews, landscape inspections, conservation rebate programs, customer water audits, design support for all City landscape projects, public education, water supply and demand reports, and customer water audits. The proposed grant funding amount would be for fiscal year 2025.

Mr. Brown also presented information on a grant application for a Water Awareness and Conservation Promotion submitted by Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District (TBID). TBID requested \$2,400 for a tier three project to provide promotional foam water drops to hand out as part of TBID's participation in the annual Taylorsville Dayzz parade. A member of the TBID board will walk the parade route handing out water drops promoting water awareness and conservation.

Garden Master Plan Presentation

Mr. Shaun Moser provided an update on the state of the Conservation Garden Park Master Plan. He said that during the June 2024 Conservation Committee meeting discussion, there were a few questions that came up about what the Garden's future expansion should include. The Garden's Mission is to foster our community's conscious connection with water to enable collaborative, sustainable water solutions. Staff discussed ideas for the expansion and developed four strategies to fulfill the mission which are to educate, inspire, empower, and support. Mr. Moser then presented the proposed programs and activities for the Garden expansion which included: Expanded Education Exhibits, Small Community Events, Robust Volunteer Program, and Waterwise Landscape Research. Activities include things like small concerts with 25-50 attendees and facilities might accommodate 2-3 food trucks for a given event. Mr. Moser then shared that the proposed Garden O&M Work required by the new activities and programs would include Landscape Maintenance, Design, and Irrigation, Increased/Complex Exhibit Maintenance, more Community Programs and Volunteer Coordination.

Mr. Moser then shared renderings of the expansion that will be used to inform the design process. Phase 1 of the expansion will include entry signs, low impact development basins for storm water, and the sidewalks and park strip landscaping along 1300 West. Phase 2 will be the remainder of the expansion which includes the learning lab, Stewards Plaza, One Water Plaza, City and Lake exhibit, vegetable garden, Mountain to Tap exhibit, and trial plots. The combined estimated cost for the two phases is approximately \$9.4M. Mr. Moser recommended that grants be used as the primary outside source of funding, with private foundations, corporate sponsors, partnerships, and collaborating with government agencies as additional funding opportunities.

Mr. Pierucci expressed his appreciation for the focus on fundraising and grant opportunities and stated that there are a lot of resources available for important projects like this. Mr. Perucci said he is willing to help with fundraising efforts as JWWCD tries to bring in corporate sponsorships.

Mr. Rushton expressed appreciation for the scope of the Garden expansion project. He noted that if food trucks will be accommodated, proper infrastructure such as electricity will need to be planned to avoid the use of generators and need to verify that our plans meet the West Jordan City zoning requirements. Mr. Young indicated that the conversations with West Jordan City are planned for the predesign stage of the project.

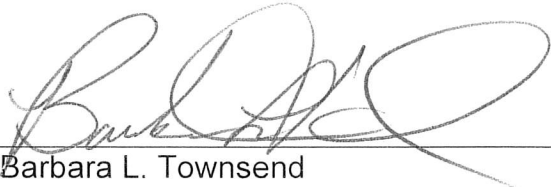
Mr. Rushton encouraged staff to look into sensory garden experiences and asked if the trial plots could contain different types of soils (sand, deep dark, clay, high alkaline), with identifying placards. Mr. Moser said that would be something that could be looked at, including what plants best grow using secondary water; he indicated that Utah State University said they would be willing to host some of their trials at the garden.

Reporting Items

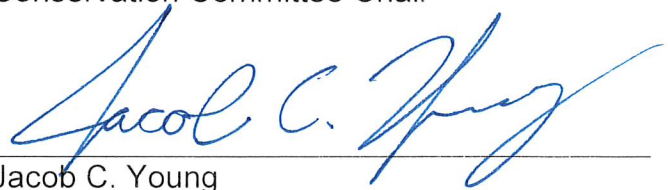
Mr. Jacob Young summarized the actual funding of Member Agency Grants that were distributed as compared to what was applied for by our member agencies for the last fiscal year. Ms. Townsend asked about the 108% reimbursed to the City of South Jordan Turf Conversion Rebate Program. Mr. Young indicated that the City of South Jordan grant application included two other programs in addition to their Turf Conversion Rebate. The other two programs underspent by the same amount that the Turf Conversion program overspent keeping the total payout within the original grant amount of \$68,000.

Adjourn

Ms. Barbara Townsend called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Andy Pierucci moved to adjourn. Followed by a second by Mr. Mick Sudbury. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.



Barbara L. Townsend
Conservation Committee Chair



Jacob C. Young
Deputy General Manager