MINUTES OF THE **WORK SESSION** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024, AT 11:30 AM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

## TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, ChairSteve HanbergEldon NevesWayne Andersen, Vice ChairMax HaslemJim RidingJon BronsonMarvin KenisonJennifer ScottKirk ChristensenKathy Wood LovelessRandy VincentSteve FarrellL. Alma MansellBrad Wells

Wade E. Garner Greg McPhie

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager Robert Moore, Legal Counsel Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant Rachel Musil, Water Rights Manager Kirk Beecher, Lands Manager Roger Pearson, CUPCA/Special Programs Mgr Gary Brimley, Water Rights Engineer Brad Perkins, Project Engineer Heath Clark, Asset Management Manager Carolyn Quigley, Admin Assistant Chris Elison, Engineering Manager Mike Rau, Water Quality Manager Will Garner, Project Engineer Bronson Stewart, Controller Jared Hansen, CUP Manager Sarah Sutherland, Environmental Program Manager Shaun Hilton, Project Engineer Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer Richard King, Engineering/Software Manager Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager Shawn Lambert, CFO Dan Wood, App Support Specialist Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager Kevin Workman, Uintah O&M Manager

Shawn Lambert, CFO

Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager
Rick Maloy, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Mandy McClellan, Records Manager
Devin McKrola, Bonneville O&M Manager

Chair Shelley Brennan, called the Work Session Meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager, reported on the Truth in Taxation Presentations and Hearings. He stated that four counties (Juab, Uintah, Duchesne, and Salt Lake) requested that District staff present at one of their meetings. Bart then shared that there were no public comments received at the Truth in Taxation hearing held on Monday, August 26 in Roosevelt and that the hearing on Tuesday, August 27 at District Headquarters in Orem had 11 citizens present with only three making comments. He reported that the concerns were on the overall total amount of taxes going up related to multiple entities raising taxes this year, not specifically the District's taxes. Bart then said that after the hearing closed, staff took time to answer the public's questions and, by the end, it appeared that the District did have the public's support for the tax increase to help maintain water infrastructure. Rob Moore, General Counsel, said that many of the public expressed appreciation that District staff would take time to answer questions.

Bronson Stewart, Controller, presented the final budget adjustments and stated that there are two resolutions being presented in today's Board Meeting, one to approve the tax rate and the

other to adopt the final budget. He stated that the final budget adjustments are the same as reported at the June Board Meeting with a total budget of \$381.6M.

Rick Maloy, Strategic Initiatives Manager, presented the Per-Capita Consumptive Use Report. He stated that SB 119 from the 2023 General Session mandated that the District to calculate per capita consumptive use and report it to the Division of Water Rights. Rick shared that 19 cities reported and the District sent the full report to the State in June 2024. He mentioned that the next steps include working with the cities to advance conservation goals, improve data reporting, facilitate better communication, and reduce water loss and unaccounted water.

Trustee Bronson stated that some of the figures were very conservative, and Rick responded that they are calculated as required by the State and that the totals are the best estimate available, but we expect the accuracy of the estimates will improve over time.

Chris Elison, Engineering Manager, presented on the Water Management Optimization Environmental Assessment stating that the joint lead agencies for the Assessment are the District, the URMCC and the DOI CUPCA Office. He said that the District has CUP contract obligations to meet from different reservoirs and that the District would like redundancy options for M&I System water to be delivered from Strawberry Reservoir and ULS water to be delivered from Jordanelle Reservoir. Chris reported that benefits from this project include mitigating risks when there are accidents affecting Deer Creek Reservoir, providing required June sucker flows, and increasing resiliency for the District.

Roger Pearson, CUPCA Special Programs Manager introduced a video made for the CUPCA program that the District produced. He stated that with several retirements occurring with the District and with our partners in the CUPCA program, it was decided to produce a video to capture some of the history and thoughts of those who have been involved in the project. Partner agencies included the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, the CUPCA Program office at the DOI, and others who have been part of the legislation and project. Roger said that the video will be used internally and externally and is available on the District's YouTube Channel.

There were no committee reports.

General Manager Gene Shawcroft mentioned the invitation placed at each Trustees seat is a Save the Date for special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events surrounding October's Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager