



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 23, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
102 West Forest Street
Brigham City, UT 84302

In Attendance: Chairman: DJ Bott
Vice-Chairman: Richard Day
Financial Chairman: Lyle Holmgren
Joe Summers
Tim Munns

Riggin Holmgren
Brodie Calder
Mark Larson
Lesley Kendrick

Staff: General Manager Chance Baxter; Office Manager Jamie Williams

Other: Jared Smith, NAWC

Absent: Jay Capener, Boyd Bingham

WELCOME

Chairman DJ Bott called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Offered by Chairman DJ Bott

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts declared

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Richard Day to approve the consent agenda; motion was seconded by Board Member Tim Munns, all members vote aye, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024

Financial Chairman Lyle Holmgren presented the financial statements for September 2024. He reported that the financials are well-maintained and accurate. Mark Larson made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented; motion was seconded by Lesley Kendrick, all members vote aye, motion passed.

PRESENTATION – NORTH AMERICAN WEATHER CONSULTANTS

Jared Smith with North American Weather Consultants and his team presented on cloud seeding operations. The program targets storms between -5°C and -15°C, using silver iodide to enhance natural precipitation. Last season had 29 storm periods with 2060 generator hours. The state has increased funding from \$300,000 to \$5 million for cloud seeding programs. New remote generators are being installed, costing \$50,000 each. The cloud seeding period has been extended from November 1 to April 30. A drone program is being introduced for experimental seeding this year.

DISCUSSION OF BYLAWS

General Manager Chance Baxter updated the board regarding the Trustee's Map. Danica with Gateway Mapping will have an updated map available by next board meeting. The cost of the update is \$900.00.

ACTION ITEM

Extension of moratorium on all water sales pending the approval and adoption of revised Water Service Policy

The Board discussed the progress of the Water Service Policy revision; General Manager Chance Baxter updated the Board of the recent change in legal counsel and informed the board members that the new legal counsel is already working on the policy. Financial Chairman Lyle Holmgren made a motion to extend the moratorium on all new water sales for up to six months, until the end of April, or pending the approval and adoption of the revised water service policy; motion was seconded by Lesley Kendrick, all members vote aye, motion passed.

DISCUSSION

A- Fraud Risk Assessment

Office Manager Jamie Williams presented the fraud risk assessment required by the state auditor's office. The District scored 375 out of 395 points, placing it in the low-risk category. The only missing item was an annual written commitment to ethical behavior from employees and elected officials.

B- Board Member Training

Office Manager Jamie Williams informed the Board that the County will not be providing the required training for Board members this year as they will be busy with elections. All training will be done online and is due by the end of the year.

C- Secondary Water Systems RFP review and selection of scoring committee

General Manager Chance Baxter asked the board if they had reviewed the draft RFP that was emailed to them on Monday, to hire a firm for the secondary water systems study, and asked them to form a committee to help with the scoring of the incoming proposals. Baxter is proposing that Trevor Nielson, with Bear River Canal Company; and Scott Lyons with Box Elder County be a part of the scoring committee. Board Member Brodie Calder and Mark Larson will be serving on that committee with Trevor Nielson and Scott Lyons.

HARPER WARD PROJECT UPDATE

The Harper Ward well project encountered water quality issues, with high chloride levels in the production well. The test well is believed to be the source of poor-quality water. Plans are in place to abandon the test well using pressure grouting, estimated to cost around \$60,000. The project has seen some changes, including increased piping, larger pump house, and bigger pumps. The tank construction is set to begin in the next week. A bid package has been put together to abandon the test well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Lemmon

Kelly Lemon from Collinston. Just came to see what's going on mainly. It's been a while since we've been here. I wanted to say thanks for allowing us in Collinston to have input on the county wide water master plan. Thank you, that was very nice. I was thinking about that and had another thought that I never presented when we gave some input. I've got some property in Wyoming that has is irrigated. We're part of the Cottonwood Water Irrigation District up there. One of the concerns that we've had, I think maybe some of the board members have had, is that when a developer comes in and buys up land, they buy the water with it many times and then they sell the water off and then they come back looking for water. As part of the Cottonwood Water District, you cannot sell your water. It stays with the land. And I think that's a good plan. I'm in favor of that. Maybe the board can think about that. I know that we have a meeting with part of that master plan on the 4th of November in the Fielding , and Cutler area. So, we plan on going there as well and we'll make that suggestion. Anyway, just a thought, something to think about and another way of protecting water, making sure water stays where it's at. Anyway, thank you.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Tim Munns

Board Member Munns notified the Board that tomorrow night they will be having their regional meeting in Snowville.

Lesley Kendrick

Board Member Kendrick talked about their regional meeting held last night, she felt it went well. There was discussion during the regional meeting about keeping the water with the land. Kendrick said there was discussion about taking the Harper Ward well water through Honeyville and Deweyville, and that there are some very strong opinions on the topic.

Joe Summers

No report at this time

Mark Larson

No report at this time

Brodie Calder

Board Member Calder informed the Board that the Ukon Water general manager is stepping down. His last week will be in December, so they will be looking for his replacement.

Riggin Holmgren

Board Member Holmgren reported that he feels the meetings with the district have gone very well.

Lyle Holmgren

Financial Chairman Holmgren informed the board of their regional meeting coming up on the 7th of November, and that he anticipates it will go well. Holmgren reported on the success of the Tremonton City secondary water system implemented in 2018. The system has significantly reduced culinary water usage and increased reserve capacity by several million gallons.

Richard Day

Vice-Chairman Day notified the board of their regional meeting, that will take place on November 18th, Day stated there is a lot of discussion about annexation in Willard City. Day discussed with the Board the importance of secondary water

DJ Bott

Chairman Bott discussed the project of replacing the Penstock line that brings both culinary and secondary from the Mantua Valley down to Brigham City, increasing capacity and pressure. Bott also discussed a proposal from Rob Bishop's consulting group for federal lobbying services. The proposed cost is \$3,750 per month, totaling \$45,000 per year. The group would work closely with Congresswoman Celeste Malloy's office, focusing on infrastructure and storage projects. The board will consider including this expense in the upcoming budget and have more discussion at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Tim Munns made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Financial Chairman Lyle Holmgren, all members voted aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.