

UTAH BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES

BOARD BRIEFING MEETING

October 10, 2024

8:30 AM

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Juliette Tennert

Dana Van Horn

Spencer Jones

Blaine Ipson

Mike Davis

Charles Holmgren

Kyle Stephens

**BOARD MEMBERS (Excused)**

Randy Crozier

Brian Steed

**STAFF PRESENT**

Director Candice Hasenyager

Deputy Director Joel Williams

Assistant Director Shalaine DeBernardi

Marisa Egbert

Russell Hadley

Tom Cox

Brad Caldwell

Anny Baynard

Ethan Stayner

Shannon Clough

Sarah Shechter (Attorney General)

**OTHERS**

AV Team Paul Gedge & Seth Magers

**WELCOME**

CHAIR JULIETTE TENNERT called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM and thanked staff and others involved in the educational, interesting tour of Great Salt Lake the day before. She then announced Board members excused, and all Board members present introduced themselves.

CANDICE HASENYAGER introduced staff present.

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

Project#	Applicant	County	Project Manager
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**FEASIBILITY REPORTS:**

**RE482 Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company   Davis                      Ann Baynard**

KYLE STEPHENS mentioned UDOT construction that is influencing this project, along with the Clinton project to be presented later. ANNY BAYNARD summarized the project report. TOM COX explained why they want to move the pipeline away from the middle of the road.

**COMMITTAL OF FUNDS:**

**RE478 Wellsville-Mendon Conservancy District   Cache                      Tom Cox**

TOM COX summarized the project report. The amount to be provided by the Board has not changed, though the cost estimate and cost share percentage has been reduced. Also, after Zions Bank modified the benefit evaluation, the repayment terms have changed.

**RE481 Peterson Pipeline Association                                      Morgan                      Brad Caldwell**

BRAD CALDWELL summarized the project report. The Board will not be funding the well that is already under construction.

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

**RC067 Twin Creeks Special Service District (Jones Dam)   Wasatch                      Ethan Stayner**

ETHAN STAYNER summarized the project report.

**RE486 Sterling Irrigation Company (Auth/COF)                      Sanpete                      Russell Hadley**

BLAINE IPSON reminded the Board about information presented at the last meeting, and thanked staff for getting the report ready for this meeting. RUSSELL HADLEY summarized the project report.

**RE489 West Panguitch Irrigation Co. (Auth/COF)                      Garfield                      Tom Cox**

SPENCER JONES discussed the age of the dam and the cracking that made the news earlier in the year. TOM COX summarized the report, highlighting that even though we're recommending committing funds there is a lot to be done before a funding agreement will be signed. In addition, it has been proposed that the new elevation be the same as the old one, but we'll make sure that existing water rights are protected. Finally, it's anticipated that the state legislature will provide the funding for this project, and the Board's funding is expected to be just a short-term loan to allow construction to begin this winter.

**NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**RE487 Greendale Canal Company Daggett**

## **RE490 Clinton City (1800 North/UDOT) Davis Tom Cox**

There will be a cloud seeding report, and the 2025 Proposed Board meeting schedule will be adopted during the Board meeting.

### **INFORMATION TO THE BOARD:**

#### **STATUS OF FUNDS:**

SHALAINE DEBERNARDI presented the Status of Funds. TOM COX provided additional information regarding some dam safety projects that have been committed and not actually been upgraded yet. The Board also discussed the money transferred from the WIRA to the C&D Fund, and that it should be tracked separately in future Status of Funds reports.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SARAH SHECHTER updated the Board about the ongoing Great Salt Lake and Water Horse Litigations.

CANDICE HASENYAGER updated the Board regarding HB280. The Water Development Coordinating Council has been actively working on a draft of an existing fund study required by HB280. It has to be completed by the end of this month. That study included looking at what existing funds could be consolidated into a Water Infrastructure Fund, and how it might affect existing board processes. HB280 has given us the opportunity for the Water Development Coordinating Council to create a status of funds document for all the Boards.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

MIKE DAVIS made the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.