

1. Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Uintah Special Service District 1

Board - April 9th 2025 in the conference room of the Uintah Recreation Center located at 610 South Vernal Ave. Vernal Utah. The Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

PARTICIPANTS/STAFF:

Joe McKea, Wayne Simper, Shaun Murray (Ballard), Jo Gardner (Voting), Robin O'Driscoll, Ross Morton, Joel Brown, Uintah County Commissioner Sonja Norton (VIA ZOOM), Mike Harrington (Legal Counsel), Executive Director Cheryl Meier, HR/CFO Shawna Weaver, Amanda Wilson, Dustin Hinkle

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ATTENDANCE:

LeAnn Powell, McKell Christensen, Nikki Theener, Tara Alsip, Shannon Reyes, Marty Partridge, Amber Hadlock, Staci Moho, Annie Downard, Julia Lamb, Mark Jensen

Minutes recorded and written by Board Clerk Amanda Wilson

2. PRAYER Joe McKea, **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Shaun Murray

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Shaun Murray made a motion to approve the **Feb 12th 2025 Board Meeting USSD1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the March 18th 2025 Special Meeting Minutes** Jo Gardner seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*

4. BOARD INPUT, FOLLOW UP ON MINUTES, COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Golf Committee has met to develop the design for the indoor lounge, and the process has been progressing smoothly.

The Parks Committee held the groundbreaking ceremony for the All-Wheel Park on April 7th.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

6. Utah Recreation and Parks Association Presentation (Discussion)

LeAnn Powell and McKell Christensen, Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director of the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA), addressed the Board. They began by discussing the importance of parks and recreation and its foundational principles of sustainability, recreation for all, and health and wellness. LeAnn emphasized the value of these pillars in building strong, connected communities and the essential role of parks and recreation in enhancing quality of life.

Following this, the URPA team presented the following awards:

1. Leadership Academy

LeAnn Powell introduced Staci Moho, Aquatics Coordinator, who had recently graduated from the Leadership Academy program. The program selects a small group of nominees from a larger pool, and Staci's contributions, leadership, and well-thought-out ideas during meetings were highlighted. Staci was recognized for her exceptional leadership in the field.

2. Outstanding Adaptive Program Award

The Empowered Fitness Program was recognized with the 2025 Outstanding Adaptive Program Award. Amber Hadlock, who has worked for the district for 19 years, accepted the award on behalf of the program. She described the rapid growth of the program, including partnerships with local group homes and Special Olympics, and shared the success of their yoga ball drumming class, which had 46 participants. The Empowered Fitness Program was celebrated for its commitment to inclusivity and community engagement.

3. Groundskeeper of the Year Award

Dustin Hinkle was awarded the Groundskeeper of the Year award for his dedication to maintaining safe and beautiful grounds. His commitment to improving efficiency in park management, including sustainable irrigation practices, was acknowledged by the Intermountain Sports Field Management Association (SFMA) and URPA.

LeAnn concluded by expressing her appreciation for the district's dedication to Parks and Recreation and the significant impact it has on the community. She emphasized the true success of parks and recreation lies in the commitment to community engagement and well-being.

7. Interlocal Agreement - Uintah School District / USSD1 (Discussion/Action)

Executive Director Cheryl Meier presented to the Board an updated version of the Interlocal Agreement between the Uintah School District and Uintah Special Service District 1. She noted that there were no significant changes from the previous.

Robin O'Driscoll made the motion to accept the updated Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between USSD1 and Uintah School District as presented.

Ross Morton seconded the motion.

Gardner Aye, Murray Aye, O'Driscoll Aye, Morton Aye, McKea Aye, Brown Aye, Norton Aye.

8. Dinaland Car Club Fee Waiver (Discussion/Action)

Shannon Reyes, the current President of the Rotary Club, addressed the Board to request a fee waiver for the use of the pavilions and park at Ashley Community Park on June 14, 2025 for the Dinaland Car Show.

Ross Morton made a motion to approve the fee waiver, as well as the exceptions to standard park regulations permitting vehicles on the turf, for the use of the Ashley Community Park and pavilions for the 2025 Dinaland Car Show.

Joe McKea seconded the motion.

Gardner Aye, Murray Aye, O'Driscoll Aye, Morton Aye, McKea Aye, Brown Aye, Norton Aye.

9. Evaluation Committee Recommendation for the USSD1 Athletic Facility Expansion (Discussion/Action)

Amanda Wilson presented a follow-up to the Board regarding the protest filed by BHI concerning the athletic facility project. She reported that the newly formed evaluation committee convened and followed the revised process outlined in the resolution. The committee's recommendation remained consistent with that of the original evaluation committee. The Board received the written recommendation and corresponding score sheets via email and Dropbox.

Jo Gardner made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee and to proceed with entering into a contract with Jardine.

Shaun Murray seconded the motion.

Gardner Aye, Murray Aye, O'Driscoll Aye, Morton Aye, McKea Aye, Brown Aye, Norton Aye.

10. CIB Update / Discussion of Funding Package (Discussion/Action)

Executive Director Cheryl Meier provided an update on the district's presentation to the Community Impact Board (CIB) regarding funding for the proposed recreation facility. While the project was not advanced to the funding meeting, it was placed on the pending list, allowing for future consideration. CIB requested a phased funding plan, which staff is preparing.

Meier highlighted the facility's potential impact on mental health, youth engagement, and overall quality of life in Uintah County—an area facing high suicide and teen pregnancy rates. She also noted the project's readiness and value in supporting recruitment efforts for local agencies and healthcare providers.

11. FINANCIALS

Emailed by Shawna Weaver. Reviewed spreadsheet.

Joe McKea made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 pm