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The District's purposes include planning for and facilitating the long-term conservation, development, protection, distribution, management, and stabilization of water rights and water supplies for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing, municipal, recreational, and other beneficial uses, including the natural stream environment, in a cost-effective way to meet the needs of the residents and growing population of Cache County.

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### CACHE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

**April 7, 2025**

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened for a meeting on April 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Anderson – Logan #3 Council  
Jared Clawson – At-Large Position  
Jonathan Hardman – South Council District  
Kirt Lindley – At-Large Position  
Beth Neilson – Southeast Council District  
Jeff Ostermiller - Logan #1 Council District  
Max Pierce – Northeast Council District  
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District  
Brett Roper – At Large Position  
Jeannie Simmonds – Logan #2 Council District  
Regan Wheeler – Agricultural Representative

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nate Daugs, Eric Franson, Chad Brown, Debbie Zilles

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Clawson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ACTION: Mr. Randall moved to approve tonight's agenda and the March 3, 2025 minutes. Mr. Lindley seconded the motion. The motion was approved (11-0).**

**Yea:** Anderson, Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Neilson, Ostermiller, Pierce, Randall, Roper, Simmonds, Wheeler

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chad Brown complimented the recent Northern Utah Water Users – USU Spring Runoff Conference, which was well attended. He appreciated Trevor Nielson's analogy of driving from St. George to Logan and how that long drive correlates to the long process it will take for the GSL recovery and appreciates the District's efforts.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

-See [Attachment 1](#)

Mr. Roper asked about extra funds that will not be used for cloud seeding. Mr. Daugs said two more bills have come through, and likely another one for April. The contract with NAWC also runs through fall so that that cloud seeding will begin this fall. It is usually close to the amount budgeted. At the end of the year, it can be discussed if any carryover funds might need to be moved to another category.

## CALENDAR

- Apr. 9 - Bear Lake Preservation @ 10:00 a.m. Riverwoods Conference Center
- Apr. 9 - Water Task Force @ 2:00 p.m. (Mr. Daugs will send out the link.)
- Apr. 15 – Bear River Commission @ 8:00 a.m. in SLC
- Apr. 20 - Utah Watersheds Council @ 1:00 p.m.
- Apr. 28 – CWD Board Workshop @ 5:00 p.m. - USU Water Lab
- May 5 – CWD Regular Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

## MANAGER REPORT

### **PL-566 Project Update**

The projects are moving ahead slowly. The Logan River will likely have another public review this fall. Wellsville/Mendon will be submitted for the first review soon. Mr. Roper asked if there would be any difficulty with the federal funding changes. Mr. Daugs said they should still receive full funding for the existing agreements. There may be changes to future funding. Both of the projects have NRCS support. There has been a reduction in staffing that may slow the process a bit.

Mr. Daugs explained that the Trapper Park project has committed funds, with a portion of the funding through Ag Optimization, which funding changes have not affected. There are two sections of the project – the canal company has gone through the process, and a contractor has been selected. The river restoration portion has just completed the bidding process and will begin after August 15. Part of the plan is putting in a new diversion, hazard mitigation, and bank stabilization identified during the Blue Trail study. Willow Lakes is doing other things outside of the boundary with its funding. Logan City is putting in a bridge and a kayak accessible point (below the diversion and on the west edge of Trapper Park).

### **Applications Update**

A ranking sheet will be put together, and applications and processes can be discussed at the Apr. 28, 2025 workshop. Ms. Neilson, Ms. Simmonds, and Mr. Clawson volunteered to help be on a vetting subcommittee (primary interviews before final interviews). The Board will review all the resumes. Seven applications have been received so far (it is open for another week).

The Annual Northern Utah Water Users conference had a great turnout with 265 registered. Ms. Neilson said it appeared that the agricultural turnout was light. Mr. Daugs said some did not attend because it was good weather, and farmers worked in their fields. The agenda tried to balance topics (agricultural and academic). Mr. Ostermiller would like to see more poster session time. Mr. Daugs said parking can always be an issue; there are always good suggestions for improving the conference each year.

## REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Daugs reviewed the following bills that passed legislation in the 2025 session:

H.B. 41 State Water Policy Amendments (Sponsor Rep. Carl Albrecht) – addresses water quality in groundwater and encourages monitoring of watersheds in consultation with watershed councils.

H.B. 46 Water Rights Applications Amendments (Sponsor Rep. Doug Owens) – changed how long the state engineer can reinstate a lapsed application from 30 to 60 days.

H.B. 81 Fluoride Amendments (Sponsor Rep. Stephanie Gricius) – prohibits fluoride in public water systems.

H.B. 89 Water Transfer Amendments (Sponsor Rep. Gay Bennion) – prohibits the transfer of water shares via small estate probate procedures involving an affidavit.

H.B. 174 Water Rights Restricted Account (Sponsor Rep. Carl Albrecht) – adds costs incurred by the division to obtain legal support, not limited to geographic areas of adjudication.

H.B. 243 Agricultural Water Optimization Amendments (Sponsor Rep. David Shallenberger) allows agriculture. Water Optimization Committee to use certain money to fund research; requires a match for grant money to include an automated surge irrigation project.

H.B. 274 Water Amendments (Sponsor Rep. Casey Snider) – provides circumstances when a municipality may set different water rates based partly on water conservation. Added items to a retail water supplier, including consideration for urban farming that improves food security and addresses tiered rates for secondary water.

H.B. 285 Water Infrastructure Modifications (Sponsor Reg. Casey Snider) – authorizes money transfer in water funds and accounts to and from the Water Infrastructure Fund.

H.B. 311 Watershed Amendments (Sponsor Rep. Casey Snider) – allows the Utah water agent to include facilities and land in the state water agent's negotiations for water augmentation projects and allows the Board of Water Resources to enter into contracts for water augmentation projects.

S.B. 33 Water Rights Recording Amendments (Sponsor Sen. Evan Vickers) – allows specific signatures to be electronically (not always requiring a wet signature)

S.B. 36 Water Quality Board Amendments (Sponsor Todd Weiler) – establishes a process for Utah Water Quality Board members to conduct a mediated settlement conference between the director and a party in an alleged violation and authorizes members of the Board to recommend reasonable penalties.

S.B. 80 Water Fee Amendments (Sponsor Scott Sandall) – sets up a fee schedule, exemptions, reports, and monitoring of fees.

#### **OTHER**

Ms. Simmonds has been asked to serve on the State Water Quality Board, the governor has approved her appointment, and she will be going before the Utah Senate on Monday, April 14, 2025.

Mr. Daugs said the audit RFP will be posted on the State Purchasing site this Friday. The proposals will be reviewed at the end of the month. A ranking criterion is included in the RP.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**- Attachment 1-**

4:08 PM

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**Cache Water District  
Profit & Loss Detail  
January 2025**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Cr	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Cache County Property Taxes</b>								
Invoice	01/02/2025	157	Cache County 2025			Accounts Rece...	222,039.48	222,039.48
Invoice	01/17/2025	158	Cache County 2025			Accounts Rece...	37,687.11	259,726.59
Total Cache County Property Taxes							259,726.59	259,726.59
<b>Restricted Income</b>								
Invoice	01/02/2025	156	Blacksmith Fork Irrig...			Accounts Rece...	4,753.81	4,753.81
Invoice	01/06/2025	159	Trapper Park			Accounts Rece...	13,617.81	18,371.62
Invoice	01/31/2025	160	Public Employees H...			Accounts Rece...	288.00	18,659.62
Total Restricted Income							18,659.62	18,659.62
Total Income							278,386.21	278,386.21
<b>Gross Profit</b>								
<b>Expense</b>								
<b>Operations</b>								
<b>Office Supplies</b>								
BILL	01/28/2025		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	10.69	10.69
Total Office Supplies							10.69	10.69
BILL	01/06/2025		Cache County Corp...	Tax hearing p...		Accounts Paya...	653.63	653.63
Total Publications							653.63	653.63
BILL	01/06/2025		Cache County Corp...	April-Decemb...		Accounts Paya...	4,050.00	4,050.00
Total Rent							4,050.00	4,050.00
BILL	01/28/2025		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	54.00	54.00
Total Cell Phone							54.00	54.00
BILL	01/28/2025		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	307.29	307.29
Total Technology - Other							307.29	307.29
Total Technology							361.29	361.29
Total Operations							5,075.61	5,075.61

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Cr	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Outreach</b>								
BII	01/06/2025		Rural Water Associa...			Accounts Paya...	361.00	361.00
			Total Dues				361.00	361.00
<b>Sponsorships</b>								
BII	01/28/2025		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	350.00	350.00
			Total Sponsorships				350.00	350.00
<b>Training</b>								
BII	01/28/2025		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	35.88	35.88
BII	01/28/2025		Altabank			Accounts Paya...	150.00	185.88
			Total Training				185.88	185.88
<b>Total Outreach</b>								
							896.88	896.88
<b>Personnel</b>								
<b>Administrative</b>								
BII	01/31/2025		Debbie Zilles			Accounts Paya...	277.05	277.05
			Total Administrative				277.05	277.05
<b>Salary and benefits</b>								
BII	01/03/2025		Utah State Retirement			Accounts Paya...	1,051.89	1,051.89
BII	01/08/2025		Health Equity			Accounts Paya...	2.10	1,053.99
BII	01/08/2025		Health Equity			Accounts Paya...	1,500.00	2,553.99
BII	01/23/2025		Public Employees H...			Accounts Paya...	2,239.91	4,793.90
BII	01/31/2025		Nathan Daugs			Accounts Paya...	5,837.16	10,631.06
BII	01/31/2025		ADP			Accounts Paya...	1,979.52	12,610.58
			Total Salary and benefits				12,610.58	12,610.58
<b>Travel and Mileage</b>								
BII	01/06/2025		Nathan Daugs			Accounts Paya...	294.13	294.13
			Total Travel and Mileage				294.13	294.13
			Total Personnel				13,181.76	13,181.76
<b>Project funding</b>								
<b>Cloud Seeding</b>								
BII	01/06/2025		NAWC		Set up fee	Accounts Paya...	17,775.00	17,775.00
BII	01/06/2025		NAWC			Accounts Paya...	6,150.00	23,925.00
			Total Cloud Seeding				23,925.00	23,925.00