

**EMERY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 5, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

LEE McELPRANG  
GORDON BENNETT  
CRAIG JOHANSEN

DERRI JEWKES  
BLAINE JENSEN  
KRIS PAYNE

**STAFF PRESENT**

JAY HUMPHREY  
NACOLE ALLEN  
MONROE MAGNUSON

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

CODY ALLRED, PacifiCorp

Welcome by Chairman, Lee McElprang at 7:00pm.

1. **Welcome New Board Member Kris Payne**

Introduced and welcomed new board member Kris Payne.

2. **Conflict of Interest Disclosures if any**

A conflict of interest was disclosed by member Craig Johansen on agenda item 6(b) and agenda item 7. He will abstain from voting on said agenda items.

3. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of March 24, 2025 Minutes**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Blaine Jensen to approve the March 24, 2025 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Discussion and Approval of Financial Reports and Voucher Statement**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Gordon Bennett to approve the Financial Reports and Voucher Statement from the dates of March 18, 2025 to April 29, 2025 and from check numbers 19072 to 19116. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Discussion of Water Report**

- a. Manager discussed that the recent rain storms have helped, but runoff is about three weeks earlier than expected.
- b. Manager discussed our SNOTEL and spring river runoff is dismal and that warm weather has melted much of the snowpack. He further discussed that it's questionable if Joes Valley will spill at this point.
- c. Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Blaine Jensen to set the 2025 Project Water Allocation at 100% at the reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Project Updates**

- a. Monroe discussed buoys are 15 years old and were replaced because of corrosion and malfunction.
- b. Manager discussed there needs to be a retaining wall installed at the CCH Syphon on the Gary Peacock property. He has asked Johansen and Tuttle Engineering for some drawings and will follow up with the Board at later meeting with more information and a cost breakdown for the retaining wall.

7. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Cottonwood PL566 Watershed Project**

Motion was made by Derri Jewkes and seconded by Gordon Bennett to approve additional fee

funding in the amount of \$38,675.30 to finalize the PL566 Watershed Project if needed. Motion carried unanimously. Craig Johansen abstained from voting.

8. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of the Certified Tax Rate**

Motion was made by Blaine Jensen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to accept the Certified Tax Rate. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Appreciation Dinner for Morris Sorensen**

Manager discussed that Morris Sorensen has given 24 years of service as an EWCD board member and would like to have a dinner in recognition and appreciation for his service. Motion was made by Gordon Bennett and seconded by Kris Payne to approve the appreciation dinner. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Discussion of Joes Valley Tour on May 21<sup>st</sup> with Emery County Chamber of Commerce**

Manager discussed.

11. **Election of 2025 EWCD Officers including Records Officer**

Election of officers were made as follows: Lee McElprang - Chairman, Blaine Jensen - Vice Chairman, Jay Humphrey - Secretary/Treasurer, Nacole Allen - Records Officer, Scott Martin – Attorney. Motion was made by Kris Payne and seconded by Gordon Bennett to approve officers as constituted above. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Adjourn**

Motion was made Blaine Jensen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.