



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TIME & PLACE	Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District convened in a regular monthly meeting. This meeting was held in the district office at 471 West 2 nd Street, Ogden, Utah.
ROLL CALL	<p>BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: David S. Humphreys (Chairman) Paul W. Nelson (Vice Chairman) David R. Hall James Hill Marci Doolan - via Microsoft Teams</p> <p>STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Humphrey (General Manager/Treasurer) Tamera Martinson (Office Manager/Secretary Clerk)</p> <p>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Hodson (President, Ogden River Water Users' Association) Joseph Bauman (Chairman, South Ogden Conservation District) Mike Humphreys (Chairman, Ogden River Water Users' Association) Rex Carpenter (AE2S Engineering) Ashley Hampton (Lync Development) Craig Jackson Pat Burns Nate Reeve</p>
MINUTES	The minutes of April 8, 2025, were approved upon the motion of Paul Nelson and seconded by James Hill. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill, and Marci Doolan passed the motion with an affirmative vote.
WATER	A report on the water situation was given by Jeff Humphrey. Precipitation for April was 1.31 inches, and the new snow recorded for the month was 3.3 inches. In addition, there was .66 inches of precipitation recorded month-to-date. The soil moisture was 100% of normal. The ORWUA had 44,175-acre feet of water at the end of April.
PETITIONS	There were four petitions for inclusion presented to the Board (petitions 3599, 3600, 3601 and 3602). After the Board discussion, David Hall made a motion to allow petitions for 3599-3602 into the district if the required water is turned over to the district. James Hill seconded the motion. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill, and Marci Doolan passed the motion with an affirmative vote.

The proposed Sage Creek Development and surrounding Jackson property in Plain City (approximately 1,700-acre-ft) were presented to the Board. The developers came in with plans for their development asking for the Board's consideration to allow the development into the district. They have Plain City water shares to turn over and are willing to build a pond and pump house that will service the area and allow for future expansion. They will put in all of the infrastructure needed to serve the properties and turn it over to the district. They will also cover infrastructure upsizing as needed during phase buildouts. The infrastructure would be inspected by the district's employees and would need to be built to the district's standards. The Board expressed general support; however, no formal vote was recorded at this time.

CONSTRUCTION Jeff Humphrey gave a construction update to the Board. The 900 West pumpstation (Unit H) was installed and completed right before water went into the system. There is still a little bit of work to do but it is up and running.

In addition, the valve replacement projects in Unit I and Unit K were both completed by CRB.

Ormond Construction was awarded the bid for the line replacement at North Ogden Junior High. They have made progress on the line replacement; however, they will need to wait to do the area in front of the school after school lets out for the summer.

Mr. Humphrey also gave an update on the progress that has been made with the meter installations.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Customer Communication and Issue Handling:

Customer support handled an email inquiry from a customer, which was promptly answered the same day. The issue was forwarded to the Meter Department, which in turn involved the contractor. The contractor checked the installation, found no issues, and closed the case without further record. There was no communication with the customer for five days, prompting the customer to follow up. Ultimately, it was discovered—following a news segment aired the subsequent Monday—that the problem originated within the customer's own system. The request was subsequently canceled by the customer. This situation highlighted the lack of internal recordkeeping and communication procedures. It was agreed that all contractor dispatches and job activities must be documented in the internal system. Additionally, customers must receive direct communication rather than relying solely on contractors. The issue has now been corrected. There was no flooding, and the district reiterated its commitment to addressing such matters responsibly.

Master Plan Grant Update:

Work continues on the district's Master Plan grant. The originally assigned grant officer remains on the case, but additional federal review steps are delaying final approval. The green light to proceed is hoped to be secured by the end of the month.

United Water Infrastructure Project (UWIP):

The UWIP, related to House Bill 285, requires a long-term infrastructure planning document with defined costs and engineering plans. The cumulative estimate across three entities approached \$300 million. For Weber-Box Elder Conservation District specifically, the estimate is approximately \$122 million. The projects include new reservoirs, pump houses, and infrastructure.

Harrisville Infrastructure Discussions:

Discussions continue with Harrisville City concerning pipe placement through a newly discovered 18-inch storm drain. Grant funds will be used to install the pipe, creating a win-win for both parties and supporting future growth. Additional coordination is ongoing with JUB and Bonavista regarding the North Harrisville Road widening project and Union Pacific railroad crossing. A cost feasibility review is expected on Thursday.

Unit Water Models:

The Unit K (Farr West/Plain City) water model remains under development and is expected in the next two months. The Unit H (Pleasant View/N. Ogden) water model was received from Keller's Associate. Three alternatives were given to the developer at 4300 North, with varying costs and water service implications.

North Ogden Canal Share Policy Issues:

A complex legal and operational issue has arisen involving North Ogden Irrigation Shares. Their bylaws mandate that shares must remain below the North Ogden Canal, yet historical practices have allowed usage beyond these boundaries. A 1960s-era segregation legally allows up to 1,500 acre-feet to be diverted through the OB Canal for use in the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District. This clause does not define the district's boundaries, leading to current confusion. The district is now auditing current usage to confirm whether the 1,500-acre-foot limit has been approached or exceeded. Until clarified, no new inclusions or water transfers involving North Ogden shares above the canal will proceed. Legal consultation is ongoing to revise North Ogden's bylaws and ensure that both entities remain compliant with state water law. There is also a reciprocal audit to determine how many of the district's shares are being used below the canal.

COMMENTS

Tamera Martinson informed the Board that there are two board member terms that are expiring at the end of the year. They are in precinct numbers 2 and 4. She has posted a declaration of candidacy notice on the district's website. In addition, she will be posting the notice on the Utah Public Notice Website, in the newspaper, and in public areas within the district. The elections will be held in November 2025. The board member terms will be for four years beginning January 1, 2026.

Concerns were discussed regarding the developers of Sage Creek Development.

BILLS

The attached certified list of bills for April/May were presented for approval upon the motion of James Hill. The motion was seconded by Paul Nelson. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill, and Marci Doolan passed the motion with an affirmative vote.

ADJOURNED

Having no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. with a motion from David Hall. The motion was seconded by James Hill and unanimously passed by those in attendance.

Submitted by:

/Tamera Martinson/, Secretary-Clerk