Goshen Valley Local District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
16100 South 12800 West, Elberta, UT 84626
April 10, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Board Members present:

Braden Sheppard – (Board Chair) Teams
Brandon Andersen (Board Member and Treasurer) – EVA Office
Paul Munns (Board Member) – EVA Office

Consultants and Staff:

Dave Sanderson – Financial Accountant – Teams
Angela Wood – District Clerk – Teams
Tracy McDaniel – Deputy District Clerk - Teams

Public Attendance via Teams:

Melanie McVicker – Teams

Persons excused from attending:

Peter Gessel – District Counsel

The Board Meeting of the Goshen Valley Local District (GVLD) was held via Microsoft Teams and in person at the Elberta Valley Ag and Farmland Reserve, Inc. offices.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. with Mr. Sheppard conducting the meeting.

1. **Welcome (Agenda Item #1 0:25)**
   Mr. Sheppard welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **Roll Call and Statement of Conflict of Interest (Agenda Item #1 & 2 1:16)**
   - Mr. Sheppard stated that he is the Chairman of the Board. His conflict of interest is that he works for Farmland Reserve, Inc. (FRI), the major landowner within the District boundaries.
   - Mr. Munns stated he is a Board Member of GVLD. He is also the Farm Manager at Elberta Valley Ag (EVA) which operates within the District boundaries, a Board Member of Current Creek Irrigation Company which supplies water to EVA, and an alternate Board Member of the Mt Nebo Water Agency.
   - Mr. Anderson stated that he is a Board Member and Treasurer of GVLD and that he is also the General Manager at EVA.
   - Ms. Wood stated that she is the District Clerk.
   - Mr. Sanderson stated he is the District Accountant.
   - Ms. McDaniel stated she is the District Deputy Clerk.
   - Ms. McVicker stated she is a member of the public and also volunteers engineering services to GVLD.

3. **Public comment (Agenda Item #3 – 3:20)**
   Mr. Sheppard asked if there was any comment from the attending public. There was no public comment.

4. **Consideration for approval of the January 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item #4 – 3:30)**
Mr. Sheppard asked if the Board Members had reviewed the pending minutes from the January meeting. All Board Members stated they had reviewed the pending minutes and there were no changes suggested.

Mr. Munns moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2025 board meeting as presented.
Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

5. **Financial report on current expenses and budget (Agenda Item #5 –4:25)**
Mr. Sanderson reported on the expenses and budget for the first quarter. He stated that in the first quarter, not much has been paid out. Income and expenses are similar to previous years and are in order. Mr. Sheppard asked about the water fees and assessments. Mr. Sanderson reported that invoicing and payments are proceeding as normal. Ms. McVicker pointed out that the line on the budget labeled as "Assessments CHC Water Fees" should be updated to "FRI".

6. **Discussion and approval of the prepared Fraud Risk Assessment (Agenda Item #6 - 6:30)**
Mr. Sanderson reviewed the Fraud Risk Assessment Form. He stated there were no changes from the previous year. The overall score on the form is 315. He said he needs Mr. Sheppard's signature on the form, then he will sign it and forward it to the Utah State Auditor's office.

7. **Report on Unified Water Infrastructure Project (Agenda Item #7 – 8:16)**
Ms. McVicker reported that this topic was discussed in the Mt. Nebo Water Agency Technical meeting held on Tuesday. She explained the following points:
   - The Utah Unified Water Infrastructure Plan came from Utah HB280.
   - The goal is to create a comprehensive, prioritized list of water infrastructure projects that will be used to determine which projects are eligible for future funding from the state's water infrastructure fund. To receive funding, projects must be in this database.
   - The database will be updated annually. The deadline for 2025 submissions is May 9th.
   - The Central Utah Water Conservancy District said they are willing to co-sponsor projects relating to their District.
   - Types of projects include storm water, wastewater, drinking water, etc. It is not limited to culinary water.

   In the meeting, Ms. McVicker shared information from the water.utah.gov/uwip-projects website: Unified Water Infrastructure Plan – Utah Division of Water Resources

   Mr. Sheppard asked if there were any GVLD projects that should be submitted this year. The Board replied that there are no projects that should be submitted at this time. Ms. McVicker concurred.

   Ms. McVicker reported that other attendees plan to use the state funding as a way to reduce impact fees to make building more affordable.

8. **Report on Envision Water Change Application Status (Agenda Item #8 – 17:20)**
Ms. McVicker reported the FRI has received approval to move forward with the change application hearings. She said the water rights are included in the GVLD Forty-year Plan. The moratorium on the Welby Jacob water will be lifted soon and change applications can be submitted for that water, too.

Ms. McVicker will keep the GVLD Board and Mr. Gessel updated as things progress.

9. **Meeting time change for the July Board Meeting (Agenda Item #9 – 31:34)**
   Ms. Wood informed the Board that we needed a time change on the July meeting, moving from 1:00 pm to 11:00 am. The Board members checked their calendars and agreed to the change.

10. **Other Business (Agenda Item #10 – 32:45)**
    a. Board member terms have expired for Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Anderson. Ms. Wood will initiate the notification and re-appointment process.

11. **Next Meeting (Agenda Item #10)**
    The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025 at 11:00 am.

Mr. Sheppard moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.

I, Angela Wood, District Clerk, certify that the above minutes are accurate and were approved in the Goshen Valley Local District Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held.

Angela Wood

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