

Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District
Administrative Control Board
Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2025

Board Members in Attendance: Russell Porter, Robert Dandoy, Gage Froerer, James Harvey, Leonard Call and Richard Sorensen.

Excused Board Member: Benjamin Nadolski

Additional Attendees: Executive Director Kevin Rose, Deputy Director Scott Freitag, District Attorney Bryan Baron, Deputy Chief Jared Taylor, Weber County Comptroller Scott Parke, Audit Partner Kyle Greene, General Manager of Central Weber Sewer Improvement District Kevin Hall, Riverdale Taxing Entity Representative Brandon Cooper, Riverdale Finance Director Camille Cook, and Office Manager Kathy Stokes

1. Welcome – Russ Porter, Chairman
2. Public Comment: None

Chairman Porter advised of two changes in the agenda. The first, Chief Mathieu has been invited to our meeting. On behalf of the Administrative Control Board and the Weber 911 Emergency Services District recognition was given upon his retirement for his essential leadership and contribution to the creation of this consolidated 911 Dispatch Center. He was one of the driving forces behind putting this center together. He knew the challenges; he knew the history. Without Mike Mathieu consolidation would not have happened. His insights and steady leadership were not just helpful, they were essential. Because of him we have a unified dispatch that is faster, better, and recognized as a model for the entire state. Chief Mathieu expressed his appreciation. He reflected on past challenges with fragmented dispatch systems and delays in call notifications. The formation of the 911 District was a significant decision, ensuring equitable service and financial management by elected officials. His emphasis was on regional cooperation, access to 26 agencies, and improved emergency response times. He expressed gratitude to all involved and ongoing confidence in current management of Dispatch.

The second change to the agenda is to move agenda item 6 up. (For details see Agenda item 6)

3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of minutes from Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District Administrative Control Board meetings on May 27, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes from Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District Administrative Control Board meetings on May 27, 2025 was made by James Harvey. Robert Dandoy made the second motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Financial Audit 2024 Budget – Kyle Greene, Audit Partner: Auditors expressed a clean, unmodified opinion stating the financial statements present fairly in all material respects. They confirmed sufficient and appropriate audit evidence was obtained, supporting financial balances with no identified deficiencies in control. Audit risks related to revenue recognition timing and expenditure recording were identified as part of new accounting standards communication requirements. However, after thorough testing, no misstatements or compliance issues were found. These risks represent potential areas of error, not findings of actual issues.

Scott Parke: The District currently maintains about six months of operating reserves in general funds. property tax revenues increased by approximately \$170,000 and investment income rose by \$271,000, up by \$84,000 compared to last year. Interest earnings contributed significantly to District balances, reflecting improved financial health. The existing liability for other post-employment benefits related to pre-2016 hires is about \$1.7 million. The County had phased out a similar benefit with a five-year hold harmless period followed by a five-year phase out to better manage liability and redirect savings towards employee compensation. The District currently has 22 employees eligible for this benefit, slightly down replace 26 at the time of the report, with some employees no longer eligible due to rehire status.

Board members discussed whether to phase out the post-employment benefit similarly to the County's approach. Considerations included preserving benefits for current eligible employees, timing of retirement, and potential reallocation of funds towards salaries or other compensation. The consensus was to await results of an upcoming compensation study anticipated in the next few weeks before making a final decision. It was noted that any changes to employee retirement benefits must be communicated fairly and equitably, considering employees' career expectations and rights. There was agreement that the Board must balance managing long-term liabilities with ensuring adequate resources to compensate and retain current employees.

5. Action Items:

- a. Resolution No. 2025-002 – A Resolution of the Administrative Control Board of the Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District approving the certified property tax rate for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-002 – A Resolution of the Administrative Control Board of the Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District approving the certified property tax rate for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025 at 0.000163% was made by Leonard Call. Gage Froerer made the second motion. Motion carried by a roll call vote:

Board Member Harvey: Yea
Board Member Call: Yea
Board Member Dandoy: Yea
Board Member Sorensen: Yea
Board Member Froerer: Yea

Board Member Porter: Yea
Board Member Nadolski: Absent

6. Riverdale City Taxing Entity Committee Discussion – Kevin Hall: Last year at this time Brandon Cooper came to our Board requesting to extend an RDA. This RDA was established in 2005 under old legal regime, with 100% participation for 17 years and a \$9 million cap. Kevin Hall was delegated to represent Central Weber Sewer, and other Districts including Dispatch. He is here to find out how this District would like him to represent it. At the Board meeting mentioned, it was discussed how he should vote representing Central Weber. A motion was passed by Central Weber Board to allow him to vote to participate with a rate at no more than 80% and no longer than 20 years. That is on the extension of an RDA. He addresses Brandon Cooper to give more details, then asks for the Board's opinions and how to coordinate how they would like to be represented.

Brandon Cooper: He is working on the West Bench Redevelopment Area. It was established in 2005. This is something that Dispatch is already participating in. The original project plan based on primarily industrial use, now exceeded by planned development approaching \$1 billion led by America First. Significant infrastructure deficiencies exist: lack of water, sewer, undersized intersections and roads, currently limiting development potential. Proposal requests 80% participation over 22 years, allowing taxing entities like Dispatch to contribute approximately \$458,000 while receiving about \$109,000 return over the period. Current annual tax benefit to entities is small (~\$3,400), extension aims to boost development and future tax base (estimated to reach \$65,000 annually post project).

The following discussion included legal and policy concerns raised by Weber County: lack of documentation for base valuation, potential non-compliance with state statute, and policy conflict surpassing allowed participation percent (80% vs. 50-75% policy). Preference was expressed for new CRA under current law instead of extending outdated RDA, to maintain transparency and legal compliance. Clarification of base valuation at \$19 million confirmed through joint city-county formula and agreement. Concerns expressed regarding the decision to extend existing RDA due to complications in sunset and creation of a new CRA, noting that CRA parcels will be distinct with no double taxation. There were some questions raised about the possibility and wisdom of sunsetting the RDA and transitioning to a CRA to consolidate tax increment financing tools under contemporary legislation. The importance of clear communication and transparency to taxpayers emphasized by county representatives. Proposal process involves negotiating participation terms with each taxing entity through the Taxing Entity Committee. Discussion ongoing with intent to revisit the decision in upcoming board meetings.

7. Chairman's Report – Russ Porter, Chairman: There was an incident during South Ogden Days involving a juvenile with a gun. A spectator assisted the police by tackling the juvenile. The police had him handcuffed and out of the park and the concert continued without further incidents. Dispatch assisted by giving a detailed description of the juvenile and information received to law enforcement.

8. Director's Report –Kevin Rose, Executive Director: We have been participating with Motorola on a pilot using AI for non-emergency call taking. It is very productive. We have found some interesting things. We are piloting new tools Motorola has, and Amazon has released new models that we will be working with. It is able to integrate with our CAD system. Our goal is when it is released, it will do all that we want it to do. UCA has signed a contract and are purchasing this for the entire State. Good news is going forward this will be paid by UCA.

Personnel update: One of our four new hires resigned at the end of classroom. He indicated it was not the career he wanted; he is joining the Army instead. We have re-hired an employee who resigned last month. The other three new hires are progressing well.

9. 2025 Budget Report –Kevin Rose, Executive Director: We are almost 50% through the year. We are looking very well. Our largest expense is personnel, and we are at 40% in that account. We are under budget in overtime expense. There is nothing concerning with our budget.

10. Next Meeting July 22, 2025. The July meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be August 26th. A motion to adjourn was made by James Harvey. Leonard Call made the second motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Stokes

Director: _____



Date: _____

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