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MINUTES OF THE **PUBLIC HEARING** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025, AT 6:00 PM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, Chair

Wayne Andersen, Vice-Chair

Jon Bronson

Kirk Christensen

Steve Farrell

Wade E. Garner

Steve Hanberg

L. Alma Mansell

Greg McPhie

Jim Riding

Jennifer Scott

Randy Vincent

Brad Wells

TRUSTEES EXCUSED

Max Haslem

Marvin Kenison

Kathy Wood Loveless

Eldon Neves

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant

Ric Cantrell, Director of Strategic Engagement

Matthew Gregg, Computer System Specialist

Shawn Lambert, CFO

Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager

Robert Moore, Legal Counsel

Mike Rau, Treated Water Manager

Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer

Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager

Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

Chair Shelley Brennan called the hearing to order at 6:01 pm. She welcomed the Board, District Staff, and the public and stated that the hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed tax increase for the District and that no other taxes or issues will be addressed during the hearing. She acknowledged that the hearing was being broadcast via Zoom.

Chair Brennan reviewed the timeline of the Truth in Taxation process, stating that a proposed tax increase was presented to the Board of Trustees on June 18, 2025 and the Board elected to go through the Truth in Taxation Process. She stated that District staff made presentations to county commissions, as requested, and that three hearings are being held including last night's hearing in Roosevelt, tonight's hearing, and a hearing tomorrow, August 27th prior to the Board Meeting in Orem at District HQ. Chair Brennan stated that the purpose of the hearings is for the Board to receive public input on the proposed tax increase and that all attendees must sign in and if they wish to make comment, to please fill out a "request to make comment" form. She then stated that if an attendee online would like to make comment, to please be prepared to share their video screen when they are called to speak. She also stated that comments will be limited to 3 minutes per individual.

Chair Brennan stated that the Board will consider adopting the final tax rate and budget on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the scheduled Board Meeting. She said that there are information sheets and agendas available on the sign in table. Chair Brennan then turned the

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time over to Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager to make a presentation explaining why a tax increase is proposed.

Once Bart finished his presentation, Chair Brennan opened the meeting for public comment. She asked if anyone online wanted to make comments. No attendees attended online, and two comments were received in person.

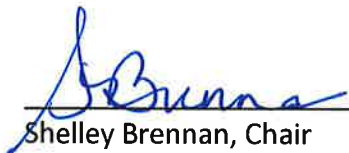
Rachelle Gadd, Pleasant Grove resident, stated that she opposes increases in taxes due to rising costs placing an unnecessary burden on citizens, especially those living on a fixed income. She believes in responsible water management but also believes in transparent budgeting and accountability and asked that each dollar is being spent wisely.

John Gadd, Pleasant Grove resident, stated that he opposes the tax increase. He believes there are ways to balance the budget instead of increasing taxes, such as evaluating salaries. He mentioned that the Utah Taxpayers Association recommends increasing taxes every five-to-seven years. John said that the tax increases burdens families and it is death by a thousand cuts. He then mentioned that a Board of unelected officials should not have the ability to raise taxes as it is taxation without representation.

Motion that the Board Close the meeting made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Andersen.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Mansell, McPhie, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 13 *Motion Passes.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.


Shelley Brennan, Chair


Gene Shawcroft, General Manager