

**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

(Approved October 6, 2025)

Held September 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Conservation Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at JVWCD's administration building located at 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, Utah.

This meeting was conducted electronically in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (Utah Code §§ 52-4-101 *et seq.*) and Chapter 7.12 of the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual ("Electronic Meetings").

Trustees Present:

Barbara L. Townsend, Conservation Committee Chair
Andy Pierucci (electronic)
Corey L. Rushton
John H. Taylor (electronic)
Mick Sudbury
Zach Jacob

Trustees Not Present:

Dawn Ramsey
John Richardson
Karen Lang

Staff Present:

Alan Packard, General Manager
Ben Stanley, General Counsel
Brian Callister, Maintenance Department Manager
Brian McCleary, Controller
Carl Wilkins, Director of Digital Services
David Martin, Chief Finance Officer/Treasurer
Gordon Batt, Operations Department Manager
Jacob Young, Deputy General Manager
Kelly Good, Community Engagement Department Manager
Kurt Ashworth, Human Resource Manager
Lisa Wright, Administrative Assistant III
Mindy Keeling, Executive Assistant
Shane Swensen, Chief Engineer
Shazelle Terry, Assistant General Manager
Abby Little, Assistant Conservation Coordinator (electronic)
Courtney Brown, Conservation Division Manager
Ellisa Demetsky, Administrative Assistant II
Erik Wermel, Conservation Programs Supervisor (electronic)
Josephine Johnson, Assistant Conservation Coordinator (electronic)
Josh Taylor, Assistant Conservation Coordinator (electronic)
Margaret Dea, Senior Accountant (electronic)
Martin Feil, Database Administrator (electronic)
Shaun Moser, Conservation Garden Park Manager (electronic)
Valerie Millette, Conservation Coordinator

Also present:

Margaret Pugh (electronic)

Welcome

Ms. Barbara Townsend, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Consider approval of the minutes of the Conservation Committee meeting August 11, 2025

Ms. Barbara Townsend called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Conservation Committee meeting held on July 7, 2025. Mr. Mick Sudbury moved to approve the minutes. Following a second by Mr. Andy Pierucci, the motion was unanimously approved by those present as follows:

Mr. Andy Pierucci – aye
Ms. Barbara Townsend – aye
Mr. Corey Rushton – aye

Mr. John Taylor – aye
Mr. Mick Sudbury – aye
Mr. Zach Jacob – aye

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Municipal Partnership Grant Program Status Update

Mr. Courtney Brown, Conservation Division Manager, provided a status update on the Municipal Partnership Grant Program, which is funded by Salt Lake County through ARPA and administered by JVWCD. He indicated that the three-year program (2023–2025) offers \$ 3 per square foot. ft. for turf conversion projects, primarily for cities. He mentioned that in January 2023, the Board approved reopening the budget to add \$2 million in funding, with the third payment received from Salt Lake County in November 2024. Mr. Brown remarked that to date, \$1.7 million has been allocated, supporting the replacement of 445,000 sq. ft. of lawn and \$1.3 million in rebates to cities. He explained that some funds were directed through Taylorsville, Sandy, Millcreek, and Herriman to property owners in those cities to participate in Utah Water Ways demonstration projects that promote awareness through media. The remaining funds covered JVWCD administration and a marketing/outreach consultant.

Mr. Brown provided a status report of the program, highlighting six newly completed projects not previously shown to the Board, including sites in Murray, Riverton, Sandy, South Jordan, Taylorsville, and West Jordan. He mentioned notable projects included a substation near Fashion Place Mall, Bicentennial Park frontage, and bullpen areas in South Jordan. Mr. Brown said the Taylorsville project, using hybrid Bermuda grass (a program first), received strong media coverage. In West Jordan, turf was removed from parking islands at Veterans Memorial Park.

Mr. Brown reported that there are four remaining projects, with three expected this fall and one in 2026. Those projects are Herriman Main Street, Sandy Public Utilities park strip, a pollinator garden for the Utah Department of Agriculture, and West Valley City Hall landscaping.

The Board discussed a question about the Utah Water Ways homeowners, confirming that Alan Packard attended a press event at

the Taylorsville site, where "how-to" videos were filmed for the public. The conversation also covered the pros (low water/fertilizer use) and cons (winter dormancy) of hybrid Bermuda grass, along with a note on classifying invasive grasses.

Exemplary Projects Completion Reports

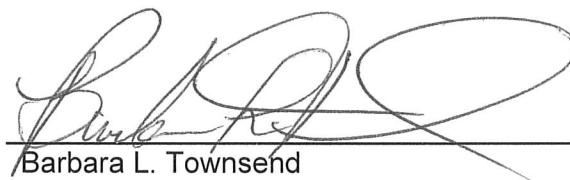
Mr. Erik Wermel, Conservation Programs Supervisor, highlighted several 2025 waterwise projects, including a desert-style landscape in Draper (saving 25,657 gallons), a pollinator garden in Herriman (saving 42,317 gallons), and a 3,500 sq. ft. foodscape in Midvale (saving 98,000 gallons). He also reviewed the projects featuring pathway conversions in Riverton (saving 42,317 gallons) and South Jordan (saving 38,771 gallons), a DIY raised bed in Taylorsville (saving 70,000 gallons), a private fire pit space in West Jordan (saving 172,498 gallons), and front yard water-saving landscape changes in West Valley City (saving 59,712 gallons). Mr. Wermel emphasized that foodscapes foster social connections and noted that over 50% of projects were DIY.

Reporting Items

Mr. Jacob Young opened the reporting section, noting there are no specific details to share, but staff were available for questions. A question was asked about the field and garden improvements, and Mr. Young clarified that timing depends on UDOT's 1300 West widening project, with related easement items on Wednesday's agenda.

Adjourn

Ms. Townsend called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mick Sudbury moved to adjourn. Following a second from Mr. Andy Pierucci, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.



Barbara L. Townsend
Conservation Committee Chair



Jacob C. Young
Deputy General Manager