

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025, AT 1:00 PM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan (Virtual)
Wayne Andersen, Acting Chair
Jon Bronson (Virtual)
Kirk Christensen
Steve Farrell
Wade E. Garner

Steve Hanberg
Max Haslem
Marvin Kenison
Kathy Wood Loveless
L. Alma Mansell
Greg McPhie

Eldon Neves
Jim Riding
Jennifer Scott
Randy Vincent
Brad Wells

STAFF PRESENT

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager
Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant
Robert Moore, Legal Counsel
Kirk Beecher, Lands Manager
Gary Brimley, Water Rights Engineer
Ric Cantrell, Director of Strategic Engagement
Heath Clark, Asset Management Manager
Chris Elison, Engineering Manager
Will Garner, Project Engineer
Matthew Gregg, Computer System Specialist
Jared Hansen, Director of Water Policy
Shawn Lambert, CFO
Bart Leeftang, Assistant General Manager
Rick Maloy, Project Coordinator
Roger Pearson, CUPCA/Special Programs Mgr
Brad Perkins, Engineering Manager
Mike Rau, Finished Water Operations Manager
Bronson Stewart, Controller
Sarah Sutherland, Environmental Program Mgr
Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer
Paulette Webster, Contract Administrator

Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager
Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

GUESTS

Brian Andrew, Hansen, Allen & Luce
Rick Baxter, Bureau of Reclamation
Sterling Brown, Strawberry Water Users
Paul Christensen, DOI CUPCA Office
Gordon Cook, MWDSLS
Matt Geddes, Squire
Thomas Hezeltine, Squire
Conner House, Senator Kenney's Office
Brad Jeppson, Stantec
Marty Larson, Highline Canal Company
Jason Luettinger, Bowen Collins & Associates
Scott Morrison, Jacobs
David Robertson, LRB Public Finance Advisors
Nate Robertson, LRB Public Finance Advisors
Wade Tuft, JVWCD
Cam Walker, HDR

Acting Chair Wayne Andersen called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

MINUTES

Motion that the Board approve the minutes of the August 27, 2025, Work Session and Board Meeting made by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee McPhie.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. Trustees For: 17;
Motion Passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No comments received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gene Shawcroft welcomed and introduced guests. He thanked those who were involved in the board tour just prior to the board meeting today. Gene then mentioned that the District had received three awards at the IMS-AWWA Conference last month. The Ashley Valley Water Treatment Plant won "Best Tasting Surface Water," and CWP Well 16 won "Best Tasting Ground Water" and "Best Tasting Overall Water" and will represent the Intermountain Section at ACE 2026.

Next, Gene stated that the Spanish Fork Santaquin Pipeline – Santaquin Reach Project's last pipe celebration was held in September, and those trustees who were unable to attend have a commemorative coin and pennant in front of them. He then noted that the draft 2026 board meeting schedule is in the board packet under the general manager's tab and said that the Board will be asked to adopt it at the November meeting.

Gene reported that the Colorado River Negotiations are progressing slowly, and they need to come to a consensus by the November 11 deadline. Gene stated that the government shutdown has not impacted negotiations and that there were several meetings scheduled between now and then.

Gene then regretfully shared news that a former employee, Brent Chase, who helped with Board Meetings, had recently died, and that another employee, John Coker, who was our current IT Manager, had also recently passed away unexpectedly. John was the only District IT employee for many years and had worked at the District for 27 years. Acting Chair Andersen expressed the Board's condolences to the families on the loss of two great men.

Acting Chair Andersen then mentioned that Gene had received the 2025 Outstanding Alumni Award from the BYU Civil Engineering Alumni Chapter. The meeting attendees gave Gene a standing ovation.

COMMITTEES

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - CHAIR JIM RIDING

Will Garner, Project Engineer, presented the construction contract for The CUWCD AA3 and JWCD JA4 Cathodic Protection Systems Project. He shared that these are parallel pipelines that deliver water from Jordanelle and Deer Creek Reservoirs to south Salt Lake and north Utah counties. Will stated that during the most recent conditions assessment, several deficiencies in the cathodic system were noted, requiring improvements to maintain the effectiveness of the system. He said that there is a joint funding agreement in place with JWCD and that the costs for this project will be split between the two districts.

Motion that the Board award the construction contract for the CUWCD AA3 and JWCD JA4 cathodic protection systems project to MESA Products and Services, Inc., in the amount of \$321,528.60 and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Vincent.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

Kirk Beecher, Lands Manager, presented the construction contract for the WCWEP Wasatch Canal Lining Fitzgerald Road to Coyote Parkway Reach project. He stated that there are 2,565 feet of 10' x 3 ½' tall concrete lining being constructed to connect existing linings and box culverts. Kirk mentioned that six firms were pre-qualified and all six submitted bids. In response to a question, Kirk stated that the high bid was approximately \$2.4M.

Motion that the Board award the construction contract for the WCWEP Wasatch Canal Lining Fitzgerald Road to Coyote Parkway Reach project to Stapp Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,555,555.00 and authorize District officers to execute the agreement, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Wells.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

Chris Elison, Engineering Manager, presented Amendment No. 1 to the consulting agreement with Despain Construction for Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 inspection services. He shared that after the project began, the District was informed that Reclamation would not have an inspector for the tunnel being constructed. Chris stated that Terry Despain worked on the recommendations for this project in the constructability review phase and that he was available to perform the inspection work. Chris stated that this amendment is anticipated to cover the tunnel inspection services through the end of the project. [The Board was sent an email on September 15, 2025, to consider approving this amendment so the work could continue uninterrupted. The Board voted electronically, and 14 responses were received to approve the amendment, acknowledging that the board would ratify this action in the next board meeting.]

Motion that the Board ratify the electronic approval of Amendment No. 1 to the consulting agreement with Despain Construction, LLC. for tunnel inspection services for the AAI project in an amount not to exceed \$388,000.00 and authorize District officers to execute the amendment, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Riding and seconded by Trustee Mansell.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

WATER SUPPLY PLANNING & CUPCA PROGRAMS - CHAIR KIRK L. CHRISTENSEN

Brad Perkins, Engineering Manager, presented Change Order No. 4 to the construction contract for the Spanish Fork Santaquin Pipeline – Santaquin Reach Project. He stated that though the final pipe has been buried, work on several vaults still needs to be completed over the next few months. Brad shared some of the items that this change order includes tariff increases on valves that have recently been delivered, repair of city roads in Santaquin, and a connection to Payson's main waterline.

Motion that the Board approve Change Order No. 4 to the construction contract with VanCon, Inc. for the Spanish Fork Santaquin Pipeline – Santaquin Reach Project in the amount of \$600,467.00 and authorize District officers to execute the change order, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee McPhie.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

Rick Maloy, Project Coordinator, presented the amendment to the water disposal agreement between Summit Creek Irrigation Company and the District. He stated that the original 2023 agreement's purpose was to convey pigging water from the Santaquin pipeline to a designated pond and to allow Summit Creek to convey the historic flow rate. Rick stated that the amendment is needed due to changes related to the NWP. The amendment will replace a 20" pipeline with a 30" pipeline, increase the flow rate, create a new energy dissipation structure, and allow the facility to accommodate the latest design criteria.

Motion that the Board approve the amendment to the water disposal agreement between Summit Creek Irrigation Company and Central Utah Water Conservancy District in an amount not to exceed \$1,239,476.00 and authorizes District officers to execute the amendment, subject to District legal counsel review made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Farrell.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

Motion that the Board adopt Resolution #2025-10-11 authorizing District staff to pursue the reassignment of Strawberry Water Users Association operated Strawberry Valley Project facilities to Central Utah Project Bonneville Unit facilities made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Mansell.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

FINANCE, AUDIT, & BUDGET - CHAIR GREG MCPHIE

Motion that the Board approve the Financial Reports, as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for the periods ending August and September 2025, the CUPCA expenditures total \$2,303,466.52 and \$2,187,606.11, respectively, and the total District expenditures posted during the same periods total \$17,405,881.24 and \$9,484,062.59 respectively, made by Trustee McPhie and seconded by Trustee Hanberg.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

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Motion that the Board accept the annual financial audit as prepared by Squire & Company, for the year ending June 30, 2025, made by Trustee McPhie and seconded by Trustee Wells.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

Acting Chair Andersen asked for a motion to strike agenda items 7, 8, and 10.

Motion that the Board Strike items 7, 8, and 10 made by Trustee Wells and seconded by Trustee McPhie.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ANY FORM OF A WATER RIGHT OR WATER SHARES (UCA 52-4-205(1)(D)(I)(II))

Motion that the Board Enter into Closed Session to discuss agenda item 9 [Closed Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares (UCA 52-4-205(1)(D)(I)(II))] made by Trustee Mansell and seconded by Trustee Scott.

Trustees For: Brennan, Andersen, Bronson, Christensen, Farrell, Garner, Hanberg, Haslem, Kenison, Loveless, Mansell, McPhie, Neves, Riding, Scott, Vincent, Wells. For: 17; *Motion Passes.*

The Board entered a Closed Session at 1:44 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

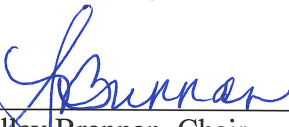
Motion that the Board Enter into Open Session at 2:03 p.m. made by Trustee Hanberg and seconded by Trustee Christensen.

Trustee Neves asked General Counsel Rob Moore if it is appropriate to have a concealed weapon at a Board meeting. Rob replied that the District follows Utah law.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion that the Board Adjourn made by Trustee Riding.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



Shelley Brennan, Chair



Gene Shawcroft, General Manager