

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
KANE COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE
725 EAST KANEPLEX DRIVE
KANAB, UTAH 84741
DECEMBER 11TH, 2025**

The general meeting of the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KANE COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT** was held at the Kane County Water Conservancy District (KCWCD) Office, Kanab, Utah on the 11th, day of December 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Board Vice Chairman, Clay Hansen welcomed board members, employees, and public attendees to the meeting. Ben Clarkson assumed the role of chairman and conducted a roll call at the beginning of the board meeting. Board members in attendance said present.

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and OPENING PRAYER: Staff Member Mark Fisher offered the opening prayer before the board Christmas Dinner. Ben thanked everyone for their help with the dinner. Mike reported that Mike Hornack and Greg Edwards were not present at the dinner, because they got notification on their way to Kanab alerting them of a serious leak in the Zion's View subdivision. The KCWCD Duck Creek Village Cedar Mountain crew turned around and headed back up on the mountain. They found the leak which was a T-Valve on a hydrant in Zion's View subdivision. The 17 foot high 200,000 gallon tank was down to 3 feet and was leaking 1900 gallons/minute. The last big leak we had was when the air vac blew and took out a Garkanes power line. The board members and employees of the KCWCD participating in the meeting were: board members Chairman Ben Clarkson, Mckay Chamberlain, David Schmuker, Clay Hansen, Steve Shrope, Ferril Heaton and Mike Kenner. KCWCD management and staff in attendance included: General Manager, Michael Noel, and Office Manager Amanda Buhler. Contract employees in attendance included Jennifer Stewart, Dirk Clayson and Shay Owens, our new attorney representing Kane County Water Conservancy District.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Steve Shrope made a motion to approve the November 13th, 2025 minutes. David Schmuker seconded it. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: JACKSON FLAT RESERVOIR AND KANAB IRRIGATION COMPANY COORDINATION:

(a) Jackson Flat Reservoir water update: Mike reported that the reservoir is 67% full compared to last year when we were at 60%. We should be able to fill the reservoir to 100% by the time we turn the water back on. The low level wet snow is helping. Tree removal has really improved the overall look and utilization of the reservoir area. Removing the trees will reduce the water depletion significantly during the summer. We received our money today from the National Park Service for the water we sold them to use on the Bravo Fire. We sent a check to Kanab Irrigation Company for \$71,419.86. We will also pay Dirk ,and we bought the new grinder/mower.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: JOHNSON CANYON WELL PROJECT:

(a) Mike reported we have the paperwork all completed. Our employees will do the construction. We will be able to simultaneously mix and deliver water. Mike still plans on trying to restore

funding from the legislature for the project.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: EAST KANE COUNTY WATER SYSTEM (New Paria and West Clark Bench): Mike reported we are still waiting on the nucleotides report from New Paria. The one test result we received indicated small levels of chloroform bacteria. Chlorine would take care of it, but the consumers do not want chlorine in their water. They will flush it out and test it again. That should take care of it. Patrick Warner, one of our certified operators is doing the tests and David advised him to clean off slides with bleach before collecting the water. It's also better to go inside the house to get the water to test. Mike reported that Mark Fisher was going to ask Pat Benda to supply us with the full SCADA reports on all of our systems. We're waiting on getting information on our water samples. We've talked to Pat and we're also talking to Sunrise Engineering, so we have all of the data in house that we need. Pat is trying to figure out how to allow access to all the irrigation users, so they can see the detailed data from the SCADA readings. David Schmuker reported on the scholarship gift for the young man in New Paria. David will find out how much the young man will need to be sponsored to go to the conference he wants to attend. Mike reported that the Division of Drinking Water said we couldn't purchase the backhoe for the mountain with our extra federal funding. Mike asked to be on the agenda and asked for \$100,000 for a new backhoe. All of the board members approved us getting the funding for the new backhoe. We will sell the old backhoe. KCWCD board members gave Mike approval to purchase the new backhoe. Ferril Heaton thanked the board for the donation of the firewood from the sewer lagoon area. The wood went to supply the widows and other needy families in Alton with firewood.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: FINANCIALS:

(a) Mike and Amanda reviewed the PTIF Accounts and financials. Mike explained every bond, except one has been paid in full. State Bank of Southern Utah Enterprise checking account has a balance of \$13,878.33 and we are waiting on a reimbursement of \$51,076.98. The various Public Treasurer's Investment Funds (PTIF) balances total \$1,620,098.82. We have collected 42% of the projected budgeted water fees for FY 2025-2026. The auditors were here for a few days to prepare the preliminary budget report. We will review the final audit next month. Clay Hansen asked about the trail design funding. Mike and Amanda reported we received grant money from outdoor recreation a few years ago, but they didn't want to use our cultural resource study from the EA we had done a few years ago. We're ready to start trail extension, lights, sidewalks and bathrooms. We will resubmit an application to get funding for the pickleball courts.

(b) The check register was reviewed by the board. There were questions asked about various key transactions on the register. Currently, for FY 2025/2026 there are 10 new connections in Johnson Canyon, 5 connections in Duck Creek and 1 connection in the East Kane County Water Systems. There have been 179 irrigation town radio read meters installed on the Kanab Irrigation company lines to date. There are still more to install.

(c) Based on current projections, we expect to receive \$1,090,000 in tax revenue for FY 2025/2026. We currently have received 9% of the total projected tax revenue. The actual yearly tax revenue will most likely be more than we projected to receive, as we have always estimated new connections very conservatively in our projections. The board members reviewed and signed off on the checking account register. Amanda asked all attending board members to sign the two bank statements that she provided for them.

MOTION: Clay Hansen made a motion to approve the financial statement, check register, payment of bonds and bills, and check #s 20420 to 20496. Ferril Heaton seconded it. The vote was

unanimous in the affirmative. The board considered all of the financial numbers correct as of December 11th, 2025 presented at the December 11th, 2025, meeting.

PTIF Project Escrow's	\$ 860,952.54
Enterprise Fund – Checking # 5110788	\$ -37,198.65
PTIF Enterprise - #3697	\$ 3,039.10
PTIF Muni Escrow- #3891	\$ 213,936.82
PTIF Stabil.Cap./Replacement - #3889	\$ 59,335.12
PTIF Total Bond/Res. Accts.	<u>\$ 1,343,787.78</u>
Sub-Total Checking/Savings	\$ 2,443,852.71
Accounts Receivable	\$ 453,373.88
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$ 498,923.99</u>
Balances/All Funds	\$ 3,396,150.58

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike reported we are working hard to get the EIS for Cove Reservoir done. We were supposed to receive it before the government shutdown. Mike received an unexpected phone call from Justin Shirley, the new principal deputy director for the United States Fish and Wildlife Services. He said he will do everything in his power to get the EIS done. RB&G are the ones that designed the reservoir. Brandon is the engineer that will take over for Brad Price. The cost benefit analysis has gone down. The decision to approve the matching funding for the dam and reservoir is made at the Department level in consultation with NRCS. Mike Kenner reported that he and Dirk attended the 5 county governments meetings in St. George. They were asking about water hauling in the small communities that don't have water systems. There was a discussion about the risks and liability of contaminated water when hauling water close to septic systems. Dirk said Gil Almquist is opposed to water hauling. Mike will talk to Gil and see if there is something that can be done.

(a) EIS Cove Reservoir - Mike reported about this during the Directors report.

(b) Next Meeting Date: January 15th, 2026, 6:00 P.M. @ Kane County Water Conservancy District.

MOTION: Steve Shrophe made a motion to adjourn. Ferril Heaton seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. on December 11th, 2025, per a unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

Ben Clarkson- Chairman, Board of Trustees, KCWCD -Date

Michael E. Noel – General Manager, KCWCD - Date

Amanda Buhler- Board Clerk, KCWCD - Date

