



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- TIME & PLACE** Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the South Ogden Conservation District convened in a regular monthly meeting. This meeting was held at the district office located at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah.
- ROLL CALL** **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**
Joseph J. Bauman (Chairman)
Brad Wheeler (Trustee)
Sam Hood (Trustee)
- STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**
Jeff Humphrey (General Manager/Treasurer)
Tamera Martinson (Office Manager/Secretary Clerk)
- OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**
Mark Hodson (President, Ogden River Water Users' Association)
David Humphreys (Chairman, Weber-Box Elder Conservation District)
- MINUTES** Brad Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler, and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- WATER** Jeff Humphrey gave a report on the water situation. Precipitation for November was 1.42 inches with 5.2 inches of snow. In addition, there was 1.2 inches of precipitation, and 4.8 inches of new snow month-to-date. The Ogden River Water Users' Association had 22,016-acre feet of water at the end of November.
- SCHEDULE** The schedule of the board meetings for the Board of Trustees for 2026 was discussed. Brad Wheeler made a motion to accept the 2026 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler, and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- AUDITORS** A discussion was held regarding the 2025 Audit. Brad Wheeler made a motion to appoint Child Richards CPAs to perform the 2025 Audit. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler, and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Humphrey updated the Board on the progress that has been made on the meter installations. He informed them that the Board of Water Resources meeting was held and that the district was approved for \$1,784,842 in ARPA grant monies for the meter project (60/40). The district was also approved for a \$1,584,000 15-year loan with a 1% interest rate. The district will need to provide a \$279,057 cash deposit towards the project. These funds will allow the district to complete the meter project by the end of 2026.

Mr. Humphrey informed the Board that the Bureau of Reclamation has given the green light on the Master Plan (50/50 cost sharing grant). The kickoff meeting will be held in January.

A discussion was held regarding a problem with the 2025 rate study and the need to issue partial refunds on some of the unique properties in the district. An adjustment was made on the 2026 rate study to address this problem.

Mr. Humphrey had a meeting with the lobbyists to provide them with the direction that the district would like to go. They will begin representing the district in January.

BOARD COMMENTS

A reminder was given about the upcoming Christmas party.

BILLS

The attached list of bills for November/December was approved for payment upon the motion of Sam Hood and the motion was seconded by Brad Wheeler. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler, and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

OPEN PUBLIC

Brad Wheeler made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler, and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

(6:00 P.M.) PUBLIC HEARING

Notice: The notice of the public hearing to consider the water fee increases and to approve the 2026 Final Budget was read by the Secretary, Tamera Martinson.

Rate Study: Jeff Humphrey presented the 2026 rate study that EFG Consulting prepared for the district. In addition, he discussed the district's need for the rate increases.

Budget: Tamera Martinson discussed the 2026 Final Budget.

Public: There was no public comment.

- CLOSE PUBLIC** Sam Hood made a motion to close the public hearing and to reopen the regular board meeting. Brad Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler, and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- FEE INCREASES** Brad Wheeler made a motion to adopt the 2026 rate study that was presented. The motion to vote on the proposed 2026 rate study was seconded by Sam Hood. The motion was passed with Joseph Bauman and Brad Wheeler voting in the affirmative. Sam Hood was opposed.
- 2026 BUDGET** Brad Wheeler made a motion to adopt the 2026 Final Budget. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the 2026 Final Budget was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler, and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- ADJOURNMENT** Having no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with a motion from Brad Wheeler. The motion was seconded by Sam Hood and unanimously passed.

Submitted by:

/Tamera Martinson/, Secretary-Clerk