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DRINKING WATER BOARD MEETING

February 26, 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm

Via Zoom Webinar & In Person:

Dixie Convention Center
1835 S Convention Center Dr
St. George, UT 84790

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MINUTES - DRAFT

1. Call to Order

Justin Maughan, called the Drinking Water Board (Board, DWB) meeting to order at 9:02AM.

2. Roll Call – Nathan Lunstad

Board Members present at Roll Call: Justin Maughan, Corinna Harris, Shazelle Terry, Jason Luettinger, Phil Bondurant, Bryan Cox, and Hollie McKinney.

Division of Drinking Water (DDW, Division) Staff Present: Nathan Lunstad, Steph Alpizar, Chris Ledding, Jessica Fitzgerald, Kris Hunter, Michelle Deras, Michael Grange, Allyson Spevak, Russell Seeley, Heather Pattee, Andrea Thurlow, Nathan Hall, John Chartier, Rebecca Yoo, Sarah Romero, Kjori Shelley, and Cadence Hernandez.

Other Attendees: Dale Pierson, Shannon Rasmussen, Janelle Braithwaite, James Saunders, Parker Vereimak, AJ Kendall, Bret Randall, Wesley Hanberg, Ben Nielson, Josh Byrues, Cole Allen, Jacob Sharp, Daniel Hawley, Ben Coray, Clyde Watkins, Raeleen Maxfield, Robert Jenkins, Matthew Harames, Rory Swensen, Kacee John, Brady Herd, BJ Miller, Cliff Linford, Derek Johnson, Dalton Bradshaw, Tom Nielson, Jesse Ralphs, Mike Bleazard, Rod Dastrup, Jerry Postema, Riley Vane, Patricia Bigler, and Dan Fechner.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026**

- Jason Luettinger mentioned that some edits were given to Steph Alpizar which will reflect on the final version posted to the public. Jason Leuttinger moved to approve the Drinking Water Board meeting minutes on January 6, 2026. Corinna Harris seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

4. Disclosure for Conflict of Interest

Philip Bondurant announced that he has a conflict of interest with the Coalville application and will be abstaining from the vote.

5. Directors Report – Nathan Lunstad

A. Enforcement Report (Board Packet Item Only)

The Enforcement Report can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet

Nathan Lunstad briefed the Board on several Division updates.

Thanks

Nathan thanked RWAU for hosting the DWB Meeting and gave thanks to Dale Pierson. He also gave recognition to all of the Water Operators and gave thanks for their continued support.

House Bill 19

Nathan explained that this bill covers cybersecurity and would require water systems to report security breaches within 2 hours. This bill has passed and the Division will be reaching out to support systems with this change.

House Bill 69

Nathan explained that this bill covers water system restructuring. This bill has passed and the Division will be reaching out to support systems with this change.

Rule Changes, 100 Series

Nathan reminded everyone of the 100 Series rules that were approved for improvement by the board previously. He gave an update that the Division is in the informal outreach phase. The Division will be providing more details to the Board regarding these rules.

Michael Grange

Nathan gave thanks for Michael's years of service to the Division and announced this would be his last DWB Meeting before his retirement in April.

6. Rural Water Association Report – Shannon Rasmussen

Justin Maughan explained that over the past year the Rural Water Board put a transition plan in place to transition Shannon, current Deputy Director, into Dale Pierson's role as Executive Director for the Rural Water Association of Utah (RWAU). Shannon thanked the Board for continuing to hold one of their meetings at the RWAU Annual Conference. She gave an updated explanation of who RWAU is and what they do. Shannon gave a brief overview of the items RWAU has been working on.

7. Rule Changes

A. LCRI Rule - Sarah Romero

Sarah Romero explained that the proposed changes to the LCRI Rule will enable the Division to reapply for the Lead and Copper Federal Rule for primacy. Their team plans to present the amendments at the next Board meeting in order to meet the EPA's deadline of October 30, 2026. Romero notified the Board that on February 9, 2026 they distributed the rule to stakeholders for public comment, this period will end on March 11, 2026.

Board Discussion

Justin Maughan asked if, in order to keep primacy, the Board has much say in what the rules are changed to. Romero clarified that they do not. Justin asked if the public will have access to the drafts before April. Romero explained that they will distribute the drafts for another public comment period before the Board meeting in April. Nathan Lunstad explained that it is a great opportunity to get primacy with the EPA for these rules.

- Jason Luettinger motioned that the Board authorize Division staff to begin the rulemaking process for the LCRI rules. Shazelle Terry seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

B. R309-225 Consumer Confidence Reports and R309-220 Public Notification Requirements - Michelle Deras

Michelle Deras presented the proposed rules changes to Consumer Confidence Reports and Public Notification Requirements. She explained that these edits are necessary in order to retain primacy for federal funding, the state rules need to reflect the federal requirements. They intend to release the draft to the public for a comment period soon. They plan to present the proposed changes at the next Board meeting.

Board Discussion

Corinna Harris asked how individuals who do not have access to the internet will be made aware of these changes. Deras explained that they will utilize multiple methods of communication such as letters and postcards via mail as well as on public websites. Shazelle Terry asked what the timeline for reporting to the public will be. Deras explained that they will maintain the current annual reporting requirement, and will not start the biannual reporting until 2027. Corinna asked if they will be able to meet the May 25, 2026 deadline. Deras responded that they likely will not meet that deadline but will be able to submit a draft version which will enable them to receive an extension and will still be eligible for primacy.

- Justin Maughan motioned that the Board authorize Division staff to begin the rulemaking process for Consumer Confidence Reports and Public Notification Requirements rules. Jason Luettinger seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

C. R309-400 Water System Rating Criteria (Improvement Priority System) - Michelle Deras

Michelle Deras presented the proposed rules changes to the Water System Rating Criteria. Deras explained that this process will improve the current point system to enable the Division to step in and support water systems before they reach enough points to be on the federal system's radar as the federal penalties are more severe.

- Jason Luettinger motioned that the Board authorize Division staff to begin the rulemaking process for Water System Rating Criteria (Improvement Priority System) rules. Corinna Harris seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

Board Discussion

8. Financial Assistance Committee Report

A. Status Report and Cash Flow – Chris Ledding

Chris Ledding, DDW Financial Manager, provided an overview of the Status Report and Cash Flow included in the packet. This report covers various financial aspects such as Federal SRF, ARPA, Authorized Projects, Lead Service Line, Emerging Contaminants, and State SRF.

Chris highlighted the current SRF funds remaining is about \$14.9 million. This amount includes current awards plus expected future funding.

The ARPA Funds remaining that need to be obligated is about \$183,379. About \$8.2 million is the current unspent balance.

The Federal Lead Funds availability is at about -\$20.3 million. However, after the 2025 EPA grant of about \$28 million has been utilized, the remaining funds should be about \$4.8 million.

The Federal Emerging Contaminants Funds availability is at about \$8.4 million.

The State SRF availability is at about \$40.8 million.

B. Project Priority List – Michael Grange

Michael Grange reported there are four (4) new projects being added to the Project Priority list:

1. **Eureka Town** scored 28.2 points on the project priority list. Replace booster pumps, move chlorinator.
2. **Trenton Town Water System** scored 23.3 points on the project priority list. Replace meters with digital read meters.
3. **Manderfield Culinary Water Company** scored 17.0 points on the project priority list. Replace failing service lines and install backflow devices and meters.
4. **Coalville City** scored 9.9 points on the project priority list. Replacement of lead jointed, copper service line.

The Financial Assistance Committee recommends the Drinking Water Board approve the updated Project Priority List.

- Corinna Harris moved that the Board approve the updated Project Priority List. Phil Bondurant seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

C. SRF Applications

i. Federal

a. Holden Town - Heather Pattee

Representing Holden Town was Jesse Ralphs, Mike Bleazard, and Rod Dastrup.

Heather Pattee presented Holden Town's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

Board Discussion

Justin Maughan asked how many wells they've drilled so far. Jesse replied they've drilled two so far. Ralphs gave an overview of what they've discerned so far with testing target location sites and what that process has been like.

- Jason Luettinger moved that the Board authorize a one-year extension to authorization to Holden Town. Justin Maughan seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

b. Manderfield Culinary Water Company - Cadence Hernandez

Representing Manderfield Culinary Water Company was Dalton Bradshaw and Parker Vercimak.

Cadence Hernandez presented the Manderfield Culinary Water Company's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

Board Discussion

Corinna Harris asked about the status of the Cross-Connection Control and Backflow programs. Dalton explained that they have a program in place but it will take a few months for it to be fully up and running. Jason Luettinger asked if any of the failing service lines contained lead. Bradshaw responded that they did not contain lead. Phil Bondurant asked Michael Grange the precedent for applications not presented to the Financial Assistance Committee (FAC). Grange explained that they are presenting it due to the time sensitivity of allocating ARPA funds and in this case it is being allowed.

- Corinna Harris moved that the Board authorize a \$200,000 ARPA construction grant to Manderfield Culinary Water Company. Bryan Cox seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

c. Coalville City - Andrea Thurlow

Representing Coalville City was Mayor Rory Swenson, Kyle Clark and Justin Atkinson.

Andrea Thurlow presented Coalville City's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

Board Discussion

Hollie McKinney asked if the estimated cost of \$83,000 is only for 135 feet. Mayor Swenson replied that it is. McKinney asked if they could come back with an updated estimate. Shazelle Terry asked if the estimate was for construction and design. Justin Atkinson replied that it is for the contract bid. Mayor McKinney expressed concern for the large sum of the contracting bid as they have a similar project taking place that does not cost as much despite being a larger project. She recommended Coalville City return when they have a different estimate.

Justin Maughan asked if Coalville representatives could speak to the time sensitivity of the project. Mayor Swenson stated that this is one of the final portions of piping that needs to be replaced from the time the school was first constructed before the lead and copper pipe regulations were in place. He also stated they'd like to get it done while school is out for the summer. Hollie McKinney asked if the extra cost is due to it being on school grounds. Justin Atkinson said that it would not be the reason for the extra cost. McKinney asked if they could return to the April DWB Meeting with a new cost proposal.

Bryan Cox asked Michael Grange what sort of oversight the Division has throughout the project. Grange explained that throughout the process they see a line item invoice to see the cost of everything and have some oversight there and the Board can choose to change their decision at that time such as changing the amount of funding that is approved. Jason Luettinger asked if the engineering contract was a cost plus or one lump sum. Atkinson stated that he is not sure. Bryan Cox shared that the engineering costs may be due to EPA requirements.

- Shazelle Terry moved that the Board authorize a construction loan of \$83,000 with \$83,000 in principal forgiveness to Coalville City Corporation. Hollie McKinney seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

d. Trenton Town - Allyson Spevak

Representing Trenton Town was Kacee John.

Allyson Spevak presented Trenton Town's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

- Corinna Harris moved that the Board authorize an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant of \$127,000 to Trenton Town to replace meters. Bryan Cox seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

e. Ogden City - Heather Pattee

Representing Ogden City was Justin Anderson, Brady Herd, BJ Miller, Cliff Linford, Matthew Herbie, and Derek Johnson.

Heather Pattee presented Ogden City's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

Board Discussion

Jason Luettinger asked for clarification on the \$20 million that was previously approved and is simply being applied to different projects moving forward. Matthew Herbie confirmed that is correct. Justin Maughan asked what their timeline is. Herbie stated they have a deadline for all projects to be completed February 2029. Brady Herd expanded on the projects. Corinna Harris asked for clarification on the total estimated cost of \$26 million. Derek Johnson explained that it is an estimate and they are going to try to stretch the funds as far as they will go to get all of the proposed projects completed but they understand that they may not be able to do so given the funds provided.

- Jason Luettinger moved that the Board authorize the change in scope of work to Ogden City. Corinna Harris seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

ii. State

a. Oak City (Additional Funds) - Kjori Shelley

Representing Oak City was Tom Neilson, James Saunders, and Ben Nielson.

Kjori Shelley presented Oak City's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

Board Discussion

Tom Neilson, Oak City City Councilmember, explained their need for the funds. Justin Maughan stated his understanding that the methods for calculating the State MAGI are not always the most accurate at representing the community. He suggested a few options for Oak City to consider. Kjori Shelley also shared that she provided a few other financial options in the packet that could be considered. Corinna Harris asked if they qualify for principal forgiveness. Shelley clarified that would be equivalent to a grant which is not an option for this application. Michael Grange provided additional financial insight. Corinna Harris asked if the residents are aware of their water bill being doubled as a result of the loan. Neilson stated that they are not yet aware. Corinna Harris asked Shelley if Oak City would qualify for Water Infrastructure, Finance, and Innovation Act funding. Shelley replied that she did not know. Heather Pattee advised that WIFIA funding is only granted to large sum projects. Corinna Harris asked Grange if they would qualify for any other grants. Grange replied that they would not unless they got a third party income survey.

- Justin Maughan moved that the Board approve option 3 that has been presented to us for the loan amount of \$1,263,000 at 1% interest. Shazelle Terry seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

b. ARPA - Hildale City - Michael Grange

Representing Hildale City was Jerry Postema and Riley Vane.

Michael Grange presented Hildale City's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

- Jason Luettinger moved that the Board deauthorize the \$257,000 ARPA construction grant to Hildale City. As well as to re-authorize the \$257,000 construction grant from the DWSRF Program to Hildale City. Justin Maughan seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

c. ARPA - Eureka Town - Heather Pattee

Representing Eureka Town was Robert Jenkins, Patricia Bigler, and Dan Fechner.

Heather Pattee presented Eureka Town's financial assistance request. Project details can be found in the Drinking Water Board Packet.

- Corinna Harris moved that the Board authorize an ARPA Grant of \$158,000 to Eureka Town. Shazelle Terry seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

9. Public Comment Period

A. Ethics and General Training - Marisa Heiling

Marisa Heiling, Assistant Attorney General, suggested having a 10-15 minute training session for the Board members at the end of each Board meeting rather than a separate meeting once a year.

10. Open Board Discussion

11. Other

12. Next Board Meeting

Date: April 28, 2026
Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm MST
Place: Multi-Agency State Office Building
195 North 1950 West Rm 1015
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

13. Adjourn

- Jason Luettinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Maughan seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am MST.