

**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  
MARCH 5TH, 2026**

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 5th, day of March 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Board Chairman Clay Hansen welcomed board members, employees, and public attendees to the meeting. Clay 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**

**OPENINGPRAYER:** Shea Owens offered the opening prayer at the beginning of the board meeting. The board members and employees of the KCWCD participating in the meeting were: Board Chairman Clay Hansen, Board Members Mckay Chamberlain, Mike Kenner, Steve Shrope, Ferril Heaton, and David Schumeker. Board member Ben Clarkson was excused. KCWCD management and staff in attendance included: General Manager, Michael Noel, and Board Secretary and Office Manager Amanda Buhler. Contract employees in attendance included Shea Owens, KCWCD attorney, and General Manager's Secretary, Jennifer Stewart. Commissioner Patty Kubeja attended the board meeting. There was one visitor at the meeting, Matt Fisher, representing himself.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION:** Steve Shrope made a motion to approve the February 12th, 2026 minutes with the discussed changes related to the purchase of the new CAT backhoe. Ferril Heaton seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

**(a) Jackson Flat Reservoir water update:** Mike reported that the reservoir has reached 98%. Last year it was 87%. The pumps are off. Once the reservoir is at full capacity, the irrigation company can advise the district when the water at the dam should be released. Jackson Flat Reservoir is one of the few reservoirs in the state that will shortly be 100% full or are already full.. **(b)** Gardner Brothers Drilling gave us an estimate on cleaning the bacteria out of the two irrigation wells. It will cost approximately \$22,000 to clean out both wells. The board did not make a final decision on how to proceed since the irrigation company will be paying to have this work done.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COVE RESERVOIR-** Matt Fisher attended the meeting and inquired about some details of the Cove Reservoir Project. Mike reported on the history of the project beginning in around 1996. The National Park Service filed a lawsuit against Washington County, Kane County, and the State of Utah, when the project was first conceived. The State of Utah ended up suing the Department of Interior. A settlement agreement (The 1996 Zion National Park Settlement Agreement) was reached which allowed the dam to be constructed under certain

requirements. The Kane County Water Conservancy District does not own any of the water rights that will be stored in the reservoir. Washington County owns the majority of the water storage rights and the 3 irrigation companies (Mt Carmel, and Orderville Irrigation Companies) own about 1/3 of water which will be stored in the proposed reservoir. The Environmental Impact Statement was started some 6 years ago with an EA. There were 5,000+ protests filed against the project. That resulted in the State Director of the NRCS making the decision to prepare an EIS. That EIS will be ready to go out to the public for review in the next 4 months. It is our desire that the project will be approved and will be allowed to move forward.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: JOHNSON CANYON WELL PROJECT:** (a) Mike reported we have the well drilled and we've test pumped it. The Legislative Session ends tomorrow. We asked for a \$700,000 grant and hopefully both the Senate and the House will approve it. A new delivery pipeline will be required along with a core drilling into the tank, so that an additional line can be added. We also need to build the pump house. We are planning on using a line shaft pump and top mounted motor which should hold up much longer than a submersible pump and motor. We should be able to pump between 300 and 600 GPM. Camp Coronga located on previously owned Utah State Trust lands property is progressing and the developers have requested a will serve water approval letter from the district .

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: EAST KANE COUNTY WATER SYSTEM:** (A) **New Paria and West Clark Bench:** Mike reported we should have the VFD installed by next week. We're still using the old well which is working properly. (B) **West Clark Bench:** Powell Springs owner Bob Jones will build his own lines for all the property he's developing. Sunrise Engineering will reach out to the developer. There are no easements for utilities so that will need to be done before we put the water lines in. We will need to present this project to a regionalization committee to help us with a grant or loan or combination of the two.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: FINANCIALS:**

(a) Mike and Amanda reviewed the PTIF Accounts and financials. The State Bank of Southern Utah Enterprise checking account has a balance of -\$11,336.62. We are waiting on a reimbursement of \$47,719.67 which would leave a balance of \$36,383.05. The various Public Treasurer's Investment Funds (PTIF) balances total \$1,870,499.03. We have collected 80% of the projected budgeted water fees for FY 2025-2026.

(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 11 (13 as of the current month) new connections in Johnson Canyon, 6 connections in Duck Creek and 1 connection in the East Kane County Water System.

(c) Based on current projections, we expect to receive \$1,090,000 in tax revenue for FY 2025/2026. 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 tax revenue 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:** Mike Kenner made a motion to approve the financial statement, check register, payment of bonds and bills, and check #s 20670 to 20730. Ferril Heaton seconded it. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The board considered all of the financial numbers correct as of March 5th, 2026 presented at the March 5th, 2026, meeting.

PTIF Project Escrow's	\$ 799,419.20
Enterprise Fund – Checking # 5110788	\$ -11,336.62
PTIF Enterprise - #3697	\$ 3,059.44
PTIF Muni Escrow- #3891	\$ 179,602.00
PTIF Stabil.Cap./Replacement - #3889	\$ 134,827.48
PTIF Total Bond/Res. Accts.	<u>\$ 1,553,010.11</u>
<b>Sub-Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$ 2,658,581.61</b>
Accounts Receivable	\$ 475,657.18
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 498,223.99</u></b>
<b>Balances/All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 3,632,462.78</b>

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: WATER HAULING DISCUSSION UPDATE:** Mike reported he spoke with Commissioner Celeste Meyers about the water hauling issues with the 5 county AOG Southwest Utah Public Health Department. The commissioners said they appreciated our letter of support. As of this date it appears that Dr. Blodgett reported public attendance or participation at the February 11th public health board meeting was not suggested. She felt that public participation would be welcome and possibly beneficial at the public hearing in March. Mike Kenner attended the initial meeting and told them water hauling should be allowed. He hauled water for years and didn't have any problems. Mike Kenner suggested that at some point we should look into building a water hauling station on the mountain.

**MOTION: Ferril made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation on the Cove Reservoir land acquisition. Dave Schmuker seconded it. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**9. BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

**(a) Bylaw Review**

**(b) Executive session if needed**

**(c) Next Meeting Date: April 9th, 2026, 6:00 P.M. @ Kane County Water Conservancy District.**

**MOTION: Steve Shrope made a motion to adjourn. Mckay Chamberlain seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. on March 5th, 2026 per a unanimous vote.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Clay Hansen- Chairman, Board of Trustees, KCWCD - Date**

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**Michael E. Noel – General Manager, KCWCD - Date**

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**Amanda Buhler- Board Clerk, KCWCD - Date**