

DUCHESNE COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

Monday 13 October 2025

9:00 a.m. – DCWCD Board Room

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DUCHESNE COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (DCWCD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE DCWCD BUILDING LOCATED AT 275 WEST 800 SOUTH, ROOSEVELT, UT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

WELCOME, PLEDGE AND PRAYER, ROLL CALL – DCWCD Board Chairman Rodger Ames welcomed all in attendance to today’s meeting. Rodger Ames led the pledge of allegiance and Keith Hooper offered the prayer.

Roll call was taken with the following in attendance; Board Members Rodger Ames, Keith Hooper, Kelly Crozier, Kevin Rowley, Don Richards, and Connie Sweat (taking minutes); DCWCD General Manager Clyde Watkins, Admin Assistant Charlotte Atwood.

Absent: Dex Winterton, and O & M Personnel Shawn Keel.

Guests: Eric Major – Jones and DeMille Engineering, Eric Franson – Franson Civil Engineers, Duane Houston – UDAF, Jared Smith - North American Weather Consultants, Jonathan Jennings – Utah Div of Water Resources, Dan Larsen - Colorado River Authority.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL FOR September 8, 2025 – Don Richards made a motion to approve the September 8, 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelly Crozier. All in favor. Motion Carried.
(Eric Major left at 8:53 a.m.)

CLOSED MEETING – (8:54 a.m.)

Kelly Crozier made a motion to go in a closed meeting for contract negotiations and water rights. Kevin Rowley seconded the motion. Board members in attendance to vote: Don Richards, Connie Sweat, Rodger Ames, Keith Hooper, Kelly Crozier, Kevin Rowley, DCWCD General Manager Clyde Watkins, Admin Assistant Charlotte Atwood.

All in favor. Motion carried.

(9:58 a.m.)

Kelly Crozier made a motion to go out of closed session. Don Richards seconded the motion. Board members in attendance to vote: Don Richards, Connie Sweat, Rodger Ames, Keith Hooper, Kelly Crozier, Kevin Rowley, DCWCD General Manager Clyde Watkins, Admin Assistant Charlotte Atwood.

All in favor. Motion carried.

(Eric Franson, Duane Houston, and Eric Major, Jared Smith, Jonathan Jennings entered at 10:01 a.m.)

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES – Nothing at this time.

203 BIG SANDWASH PIPELINE and CATHODIC PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATE – Brief discussion about the annual survey. Don Richards made a motion to authorize Bowen & Collins to conduct the annual survey. The motion was seconded by Kelly Crozier. All in favor. Motion Carried.

DUCHESNE COUNTY VICTORY PIPELINE PROJECT (DCVP) – A little bit of an increase in water costs. Duchesne Valley Water Treatment Plant (DVWTP) has changed up their process for taste and odor.

(Dan Larsen entered at 10:48 a.m.)

GREEN RIVER / CRAU UPDATE – Talks are strained between the Upper and Lower Basins. Brief discussion about a November 11 deadline or the Feds will step in. Dan attended a two day tour thru Utah & Wyoming. He presented Snowtel evidence and has been asked to compile a report about the natural flow. Utah is leaning towards a voluntary reduction. ‘If things do not turn around with an above average water year, farmers will be forced to fallow.’

WATER DEVELOPMENT – Clyde is currently working on the Forty (40) Year Plan.

PINION FOREST – Clyde stated all testing has been successful. He still has concerns about the aquifer levels.

CLOUD SEEDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - Jared Smith with North American Weather Consultants and Jonathan Jennings with Utah Div of Water Resources. Jared stated the costs are very similar to last year. Manual sites have been replaced by remote sites and have gone from 18 to 28 generators in the Uinta target area. They will operate November 1 to April 30. Jonathan lead a brief discussion about the shared costs between the Upper & Lower Basins, and the State of Utah. The Upper Basin only helps fund what is in Utah. With the remote access they have also added a geo-browser. Operations are in real-time, stake holders can access and see when the generators are turned on. They are looking into using drones because a drone can get above the inversion. Kevin Rowley made a motion to proceed with the cloud seeding. Keith Hooper seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

(Jared Smith and Jonathan Jennings left at 10:29 a.m.)

PROJECT CONTRACTS & FUTURE PROJECTS – Clyde has been working on a project template.

FARM CREEK IRRIGATION – Contract has been signed by Farm Creek Irrigation. Brief discussion about types of funding available. Duane Houston with UDAF suggested he meet with canal companies to assist with water optimization and available funding. Don Richards made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Connie Sweat second. All in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS PL-566 WATERSHED PROJECT UPDATE – Eric Major with Jones and DeMille Engineering expressed concerns that the Government shutdown could potentially delay final signatures. Eric went over the cost breakdowns and again reiterated that a good portion of the projects need to be in the ground by end of December 2026. He will coordinate a training between Brenda Malmgren (Jones & DeMille) and Charlotte Atwood (DCWCD Admin Assistant). This will help in tracking the grants and requesting re-imburements.

WATER OPTIMIZATION & WATERSMART GRANT UPDATE - Eric Major with Jones and DeMille Engineering had a brief review of the projects. Eric Franson with Franson Civil commented on purchasing, storing, and protecting the pipe needed for the projects.

VOUCHERS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT APPROVAL – A motion was made by Kevin Rowley to accept the vouchers as presented for payment. Don Richards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

FUTURE CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS – Brief discussion about upcoming conferences and who will be attending.

Next Board meeting will be November 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kelly Crozier motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Rodger Ames
DCWCD Board Chairman – Rodger Ames

Connie Sweat
DCWCD Board Member / Clerk – Connie Sweat