

The Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Carbon Water Conservancy District was held Tuesday March 10, 2026 in the Upstairs Conference Room at the Carbon County Administration Building, 751 East 100 North, Price, UT 84501.

**Present:**

Daniel Allen, Trustee, Vice Chairman  
Keith Cox, Trustee, Treasurer  
Russell Seeley, Trustee  
Tyler Clark, Trustee  
Gordon Odendahl, Clerk  
Christian Bryner, Attorney

**Also Present:**

R.J. Davis, Dam Tender (Remote)  
Derris Jones, Assistant Dam Tender  
Bryan Schmutz, USBR (Remote)

**Excused:**

Jon Richens, Trustee, Chairman  
Janelle Jensen, Assistant Finance Director  
Doug Rasmussen, Finance Director

**1. Open Meeting and Introduction of Guests.**

Vice Chairman Allen stated that Chairman Richens is traveling out of town on business this week so he would be presiding for today's meeting. Vice Chairman Allen opened the meeting at 3:00 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance both in person and online. There were no guests present.

**2. Review and Possible Approval of Minutes from Meetings on 12/16/2025 and 12/22/2025.**

Vice Chairman Allen asked if there were any comments concerning the minutes. Trustee Seeley made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 12/22/2025 and 12/16/2025 as well as the Closed Session on 12/16/2025 as presented. Trustee Cox seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously

**3. Dam Tenders Report – RJ Davis.**

Dam Tender RJ Davis stated the elevation of the reservoir is currently 7,611.61 ft. which is 49,865 acre ft. of water and is 76% of usable capacity. Mammoth Cottonwood SNOTEL readings are 8.3" of moisture content which is 54% of today's median and 44% of our annual median. Clear Creek's SNOTEL is 7.2" of water content which correlates to 51% of today's median and 40% of the annual median. The forecast at 50% probability is for 19,000 acre ft of inflow. Mr. Davis stated this year is very similar to the 2021 forecast and that year we set a record low of 5,000 acre ft of inflow, so he is not expecting a lot of water to come into the reservoir this year. We are currently releasing 15.5 cfs through the dam – 3.5 CFS FOR Trout Unlimited and 12 cfs for PRWUA. Clerk Odendahl asked if there was any inflow coming into the reservoir from Skyline Mine. Mr. Davis said he thinks there is, but the gauging stations in that area are not working yet so there is no way to measure it. Mr. Davis did say that the reservoir is not rising as fast as it has been in recent weeks.

**4. Public Comments on Matters Concerning Carbon Water Conservancy District**

Note: Public Comments will be limited to 2 Minutes per Person. Public Comments or Requests from the Public may not be voted upon by the CWCD Board at this meeting because they are not listed as Agenda Items for the current meeting.

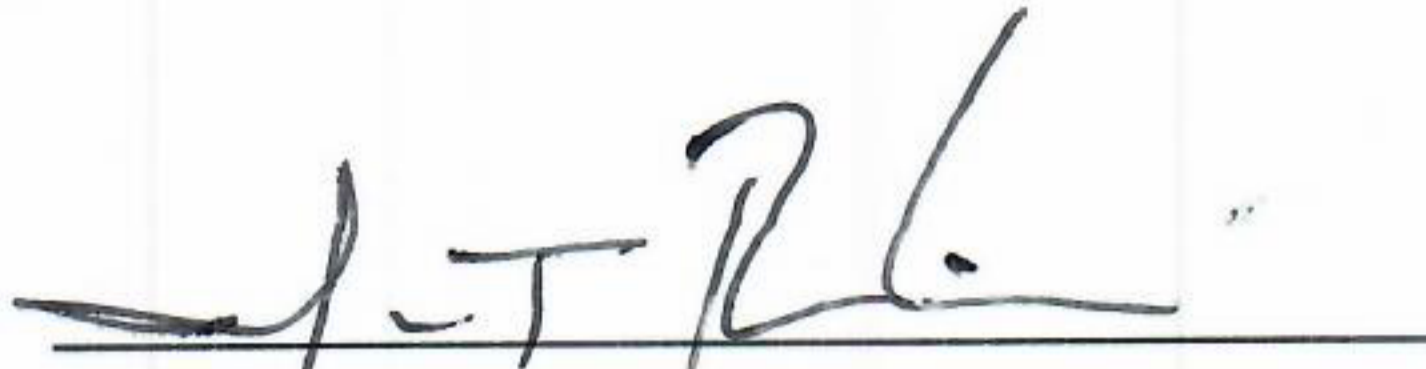
There were no comments from the public.

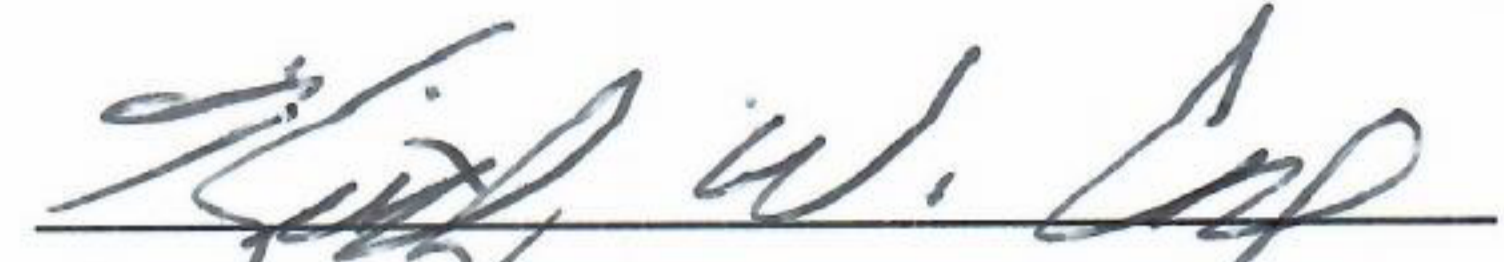
5. Discuss and Determine CWCD Plans for 2026 Water Share Leasing Plan, Price and Schedule.

Vice Chairman Allen asked Clerk Gordon Odendahl if he could explain to the trustees where we are with the Water Share Leasing Plan. Clerk Odendahl stated that this year we were in the second year of the Colorado River Authority of Utah's DMPP Reservoir Forbearance program. We agreed to enroll the same number of water shares as we enrolled last year, which is 290 shares. That leaves us with 387 water shares that we can lease out this year as well as the 90 shares of high water (direct flow) that we own. Trustee Clark asked if there was actually any actual high water to lease this year. Clerk Odendahl stated we do not know when or what percentage (if any) will be available this year. Clerk Odendahl stated we need to determine what price we are going to lease our shares for this year. Clerk Odendahl also informed the group that Carbon County has asked CWCD to handle the leasing for them this year for 500 of their shares. Trustee Cox asked if we are going to handle these the same as we do ours as far as the lease cost. Vice Chairman Allen stated that Commissioner Larry Jensen dropped in to talk to us just prior to the meeting today and he told us that whatever we leased ours for, he would be fine if we do the same for the County's shares. This will be an additional 500 shares to lease out to members of the community. Clerk Odendahl stated that PRWID has announced that they will lease their available shares this year for \$35.00 per share. Clerk Odendahl stated as far as the 1, 2 and 3 year right of first refusal plan goes, our available shares for years 1,2 and 3 are out of whack due to the number of shares involved with the Forbearance program. Trustee Seeley asked how long the forbearance program was going to last. River Commissioner Derris Jones stated that as far as anyone knows it will just be a 2-year program we were going to divide the shares this year. Trustee Seeley asked what we received for the shares last year. Clerk Odendahl stated that last year we were paid \$92.13 per share for the shares in the pilot program after all the deductions for carrying loss, evaporation, etc. were calculated. Clerk Odendahl stated we could divide the 387 shares in half on 1- and 2-year commitments or divide by 3. Discussions were held concerning the number of shares we have in the program, how we are going to divide the available shares into 1 and 2 year right of first refusal, considering we are committed to the same number of shares again this year. Trustee Seeley stated that he felt we should not undercut PRWID's announced lease price, and he liked the idea of dividing our available shares in half for 1 and 2 year right of first refusal commitments. Trustee Seeley made a motion that we make our 387 available shares available for lease at \$35.00 per share, and we set 193 shares at a 2 year right of first refusal and 194 shares for 1 year. Trustee Seeley amended the motion to include the stipulation that the Clerk should first lease CWCD shares unless the person specifically asks for county water shares or the person asking was referred to us by the county. Trustee Clark seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Trustee Cox discussed subjects that we could have training session for our future monthly meetings. There were no more agenda items to go over. Vice Chairman Allen asked USBR Liaison Officer Bryan Schmutz if there was anything he would like to discuss with the board before we adjourn. Mr. Schmutz. Stated that there were costs and timelines to discuss on the upcoming projects, but those will most likely be addressed in the next Quarterly Meeting and he would wait for Chairman Richens to lead the discussions on those projects.

15. Adjourn Meeting.

There was no further business to discuss. Trustee Cox made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, and Trustee Seeley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously, and Vice Chairman Allen declared the meeting closed at 3:41 PM.

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman,  
Treasurer

