

**EMERY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT

LEE McELPRANG (Chair)
KASH WINN
CRAIG JOHANSEN
CORY CLOWARD

DERRI JEWKES
KRIS PAYNE
BLAINE JENSEN (Vice Chair)

STAFF PRESENT

NACOLE ALLEN
MONROE MAGNUSON

MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

CODY ALLRED, Pacifi Corp
DUANE HOUSTON, UDAF

KEVEN JENSEN, EC Commission
ALLEN STAKER, HCIC

1. **Call to Order at 7:00pm/Roll Call/Introduction of Guests**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Emery Water Conservancy District was called to order by Chairman Lee McElprang on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the District Office located at 20 S 100 E, Castle Dale, Utah. Roll call was taken and guests were introduced. (Kris Payne came in late and missed Roll Call)

2. **Public Comments/Concerns**

Keven Jensen of the Emery County Commission talked with the Board about the possibility of requesting 3,000 – 5,000 acre feet of water for industry development in Green River. The Board discussed they will need to look into it as Green River is outside the District boundaries and if the water would be available for the project.

3. **Introduction of Duane Houston, New UDAF Salinity Coordinator**

Duane Houston came to introduce himself as the new UDAF Salinity Coordinator, taking over Mark Quilter's position as he is retiring.

4. **Possible Conflicts with Agenda Items**

No conflict of interest disclosures were made.

5. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of January 26, 2026 Minutes**

Motion was made by Kash Winn and seconded by Blaine Jensen to approve the January 26, 2026 Minutes. Aye: Kris, Craig, Derri, Kash, Blaine, Cory. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion and Approval of Financial Reports and Voucher Statement**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to approve the Financial Reports and Voucher Statement from the dates of January 21, 2026 to March 17, 2026 and From check numbers 19470 - 19555. Aye: Kash, Kris, Derri, Blaine, Craig, Cory. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Water Report**

- a. Manager discussed the Water Report, SNOTEL Report, and Spring River Runoff Report.
- b. Manager discussed the projections for this year are dismal and doesn't believe we will get to our average.
- c. Motion was made by Cory Cloward and seconded by Craig Johansen to approve and set the tentative 2026 project water allocation at 100% at the reservoir. Aye: Kris, Craig, Derri, Kash, Blaine, Cory. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Technical and Financial Assistance for Ferron Canal Company Gate System**

Kash discussed the need for help with the technical and financial assistance for Ferron Canal Company. Ferron Canal Company is estimating it will cost around \$10,000 for the project. Motion was made by Kris Payne to spend up to \$10,000 for the project, the motion was seconded by Blaine Jensen. Kash and Derri abstained from voting. Aye: Cory, Kris, Craig, Blaine. Abstained: Kash and Derri. Motion carried.

9. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of North Ditch Project Update**

Manager discussed the project is done and came in under budget and ahead of schedule. He further discussed there were ancient Fremont Indian bones found during the project which are now in the possession of the State Archives.

10. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Semi and Lowboy Purchases**

Manager discussed EWCD found and purchased a semi-truck and lowboy trailer that meet the District's needs, both purchases were completed under budget.

11. **Discussion/Approval/Denial to Sell 2015 Chevy Silverado**

Manager discussed the need to sell the 2015 Chevy Silverado. Motion was made by Derri Jewkes and seconded by Blaine Jensen to advertise and sell the truck with a minimum starting bid of \$15,000. Aye: Kris, Craig, Derri, Kash, Blaine, Cory. Motion carried unanimously

12. **Discussion of Utah Water Users Workshop and Water Law & Policy Seminar**

Lee and Craig both said the sessions were good and thought this year was a good conference.

13. **Annual Open and Public Meetings Training**

Mistakenly left on Agenda from last meeting.

14. **Annual Review and Signing of Ethical Behavior Policy and Pledge Form**

Mistakenly left on Agenda from last meeting.

15. **Annual Review and Signing of Conflict of Interest Policy and Pledge Form**

Mistakenly left on Agenda from last meeting.

16. **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Blaine Jensen to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.