

**SOUTH DAVIS WATER DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Location: District Office, 407 W. 3100 S., Bountiful, Utah

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Kathy Thurston, Chair
- Ronald Mortensen, Trustee
- Elaine Oaks, Trustee

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:**

- Jake Ferguson, General Manager
- Tracie James, Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kathy Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. in compliance with Utah's Open Meeting Laws. The meeting was recorded in its entirety as a public record.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present for comment.

**3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Trustees Oaks and Mortensen:**

- Reported attending a Bountiful Planning Commission meeting regarding a proposed zoning change near 100 West and Orchard that includes mixed-use redevelopment on a small parcel including a cafe component and residential units.
- Reported the Planning Commission expressed concerns regarding parking, traffic, neighborhood spillover, and the site's location near a school and a blind corner.
- Noted the proposal was effectively put on hold pending additional study of the Orchard corridor and possible revised plans from the applicant.
- Noted aquifer impacts and other issues were raised at the City Planning Commission meeting during the public comment period by Trustees Mortensen and Oaks.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Trustee Mortensen moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting. Trustee Oaks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Trustees Mortensen, Thurston and Oaks voting "aye".

**5. APPROVAL OF EXPENSE REPORT**

The Board reviewed and discussed the March 2026 expense report in detail. After some questions and a discussion on various items, Trustee Oaks moved to approve the March 2026 expense report as presented. Trustee Mortensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Trustees Mortensen, Thurston and Oaks voting "aye".

**6. STRENGTHS & VULNERABILITIES ANALYSIS**

The Board discussed water supply as the District's primary vulnerability for 2026 given current hydrologic conditions.

Key points discussed:

- Irrigation water availability is significantly reduced, and the irrigation season is shortened by two months.
- Reduced irrigation deliveries may lessen aquifer recharge and could contribute to lower static water levels in District wells later in the summer.

- Saltwater intrusion and rising contaminant levels remain ongoing concerns; recent sampling showed a slight increase in contaminants.

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. PFAS Mitigation Project and CDBG Grant Progress**

- District is working through final administrative steps to close out the PFAS mitigation grant process with the state.
- Required federal compliance steps including correspondence with tribal entities and archaeological review despite the project being located in existing roadway right-of-way has been completed and submitted.
- A pre-bid meeting was held with strong contractor attendance, which may improve pricing competitiveness.
- General Manager Ferguson reported verbal confirmation that the District's CDBG funding had been approved, with formal approval documentation still pending.
- Total expected grant funding was reported at approximately \$535,000 for 2026.

### **B. Irrigation Reservoir Trunk Line Repairs**

- Annual inspection identified deteriorated areas in a couple irrigation trunk line pipe liners.
- Repairs are described as preventative maintenance to protect buried pipe sections located in berm areas from future failure.
- Mr. Ferguson reported that the issue is not considered catastrophic at present but warranted timely repair.

### **C. 2025 Independent Audit**

- Preparations for the District's 2025 independent audit are underway, including uploading journal entries and supporting documents for auditors.
- On-site audit work is expected to begin the following week.

### **D. Consumer Confidence Report**

- The District's Consumer Confidence Report is completed, submitted to the state, and posted on the District website.

### **E. Current Water Conditions**

- General Manager Ferguson reported that current water conditions are poor and snowpack conditions remained a concern.
- Board discussed historic culinary use reductions associated with prior conservation outreach and noted that customers have, with limited exceptions, responded well to conservation messaging.

### **F. Presentation of Key Takeaways from the Rural Water and Water User's Conferences**

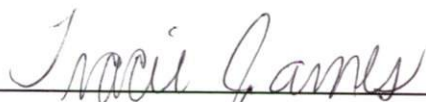
- Mr. Ferguson attended a cyber security class that provided important information on preventing cyber-attacks on the District.
- He also stated that Blake Bingham from the Utah Division of Water Rights reported on the level of the Great Salt Lake and the need to possibly cut junior water rights in the future. Ground water will be studied in the near future.
- Ms. James reported that she attended compliance and fraud classes taught by the State Auditor's Office that were extremely beneficial.

### **G. Present Quarterly Financial Reports**

Mr. Ferguson presented the quarterly financial report. After a brief discussion, there were no questions or concerns.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.

  
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Tracie James, District Clerk