

May 20, 2026

MINUTES OF THE **WORK SESSION** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, AT 11:30 AM AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, OREM, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Shelley Brennan, Chair

Wayne Andersen, Vice Chair

Kevin J. Anderson

Jon Bronson

Kirk Christensen

Steve Farrell

Wade E. Garner

Steve Hanberg

Max Haslem

Marvin Kenison

Kathy Wood Loveless

L. Alma Mansell

Greg McPhie

Jim Riding

Jennifer Scott

Randy Vincent

Brad Wells

STAFF PRESENT

Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

Lisa Anderson, Board Executive Assistant

Robert Moore, General Counsel

Kirk Beecher, Senior Engineer

Gary Brimley, Water Resource Planner

Derek Bruton, Water Resource Planner

Ric Cantrell, Director of Strategic Engagement

Chris Elison, Water Resource Planning Manager

Will Garner, Assistant Chief Engineer

Matthew Gregg, Computer System Specialist

Jared Hansen, Director of Water Policy

Shaun Hilton, Assistant Chief Engineer

David Imlay, Raw Water Operations Manager

Shawn Lambert, CFO

Cort Lambson, Senior Engineer

Bart Leeflang, Assistant General Manager

Rick Maloy, Water Resource Planner

Mandy McClellan, Records & Information Manager

Roger Pearson, Colorado River Program Manager

Brad Perkins, Senior Engineer

Mike Rau, Finished Water Operations Manager

Bronson Stewart, Controller

Amanda Strack, Water Conservation Manager

Sarah Sutherland, Environmental Program Manager

Bruce Ward, Chief Engineer

Paulette Webster, Contracts Administrator

Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager

Gerard Yates, Deputy General Manager

Board Chair Shelley Brennan called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

Senior Engineer Brad Perkins presented an overview of the Strawberry Highline Improvement Project (SHIP), a major component of the Nebo Water Project. He explained that the project will replace the aging Highline Canal with pressurized pipelines to improve long-term water security, efficiency, safety, and water quality for south Utah County and Juab County. Brad reviewed the consultant selection process and reported that Flowline Collective, a joint venture between Jacobs and Bowen Collins and Associates, was recommended as the preferred design consultant. He also outlined the project's 14-phase, six-year schedule and estimated \$750 million budget, to be funded through legislative appropriations, remaining CUPCA ceiling authorization, and District reserves. In response to a board question, Jared Hansen clarified that the primary water source is Strawberry Reservoir water, with some intermingling from Bonneville Unit water and the Spanish Fork River. Trustee Wayne Andersen mentioned that he was part of the selection process and reported that it was a thorough process and the selection became very clear that the Flowline Collective was the most qualified to help the District create a fantastic project.

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General Counsel Rob Moore reviewed HB 236, which changes Truth in Taxation procedures for the District's May budget process. He explained that the tentative budget must state whether it includes a proposed tax rate increase, present a property tax impact schedule, and indicate whether the District intends to exceed the certified tax rate. He emphasized that these statements and related motions are procedural only and do not approve a tax increase and noted that the law is intended to provide earlier public notice even though final taxable values will not be available until mid-June.

Controller Bronson Stewart presented the tentative 2026–2027 budget totaling \$438.8 million, with major expenditures for capital projects, debt service, and administration. Key projects include the Alpine Aqueducts, Olmsted Bifurcation Reservoir, Soldier Creek Dam, Stillwater Tunnel, WCWEP canal linings, treatment plant upgrades, and Nebo Water Project property acquisitions. Bronson reviewed principal revenue sources and noted the payroll budget includes a 2.75 percent cost-of-living adjustment and a 3 percent merit increase. During discussion, concern was expressed about applying merit increases broadly, and Trustee Bronson indicated opposition absent changes. He concluded by outlining the budget adoption schedule and anticipating public hearings in June and, if needed, August.

CFO Shawn Lambert presented a refunding opportunity for the District's Series 2016A bonds, noting that approximately \$11.8 million remains outstanding and becomes callable in July 2026. He reported that current market conditions could generate about \$164,000 in net savings, reviewed the process for obtaining a new S&P rating, and indicated the District may enter the market between June and September. Shawn also noted that the finance committee unanimously supported proceeding and that the board would consider a resolution during the regular session authorizing the issuance and sale of water revenue refunding bonds.

There were no committee reports.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.



Greg McPhie, Acting Chair



Gene Shawcroft, General Manager

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