

Weber River Watershed Council & Weber River Partnership Meeting

July 14, 2026

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Darren Hess, Carly Payne, Carla Trentelman, Eric McCulley, Tanner Cox, Nick King, Jessica Reynolds, Anna Zack, Yaeko Bryner, Billy Curran, Jonathan Jennings

Remote- Adam Wickline, Andy Garland, Olga Ispuov, Dawna Zukirmi, Merrick Matyjasik, Ariana Mason, Christine Osborne, Cody Edwards, Mike Luers, M Noble, Lindsey Carrigan, Stacey Kunz

APPROVE EACH MEETINGS PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 1st Motion- Carla Trentelman
- 2nd Motion- Yaeko Bryner

UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE UTAH WATERSHED COUNCIL- Jessica Reynolds

- Jessica & Rick Smith met at DNR & co-presented as Weber River Watershed Council & Weber River Partnership.
 - Gave update on watershed.
 - Touching on watershed challenges, opportunities & solutions, examples of success, specific asks.
 - State is excited about the collaboration.
 - State will develop report with specific legislative recommendations for presentation in August.
 - Recommendations through establishing committees.
 - Discussed funding.
 - Cautioned to avoid competition between the watershed council groups & partner organizations.
 - From presentation, big discussion on:
 - Updating statute around the term "infrastructure", change to natural infrastructure & watershed-based projects to have flexibility to pursue future projects.
 - Discussed next steps and structure of meetings.
 - Jessica & Rick presented with a great, well put together presentation.
 - Jessica will provide presentation for everyone to view.
 - October 6th- State Council Meeting

WATER RESOURCES WEBER RIVER AREA PLANNING SPECIALIST- Carly Payne

- Weber River Area Planning Specialist- Jonathan Jennings will take over
- Recommend him as liaison on Council
 - Welcomed as a council liaison

- Introduction
 - Cloudseeding coordinator
 - Very familiar with the Basin

UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING FOR STAFF- Carly Payne

- State Watershed Council
 - Working on budget request.
 - Council will request for appropriation through legislature.
 - Still trying to figure out about staffing will look like & what legislature will approve.
 - Request of 4 people
 - Full time admin (serve several councils)

DISCUSSION ON LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

- Does the Watershed Council still feel the need to have a Vice Chair (now that meetings are joint with the Partnership)?
 - Council Vice Chair nomination was not fulfilled
- Partnership currently has three officers
 - Vice Chair position is also vacant

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

- Council- Come with ideas for a nomination by next meeting
 - Vote someone into Vice position.
 - Anyone willing?
 - Change bylaws
 - Other councils have put a change into their bylaws about meeting attendance. If not attending at least fifty percent of the meetings in the year, will be moved into a liaison position to open the voting spot to someone who does attend regularly.
 - Carly will write up bylaw change for next meeting.

PREVIEW OF CONFLUENCE THEMES/AGENDA- Adam Wickline

- January 12, 2027
- Planning committee meeting- broad topics
 - Drought/Water Conservation
 - What homeowners should be doing
 - Water conservation through municipalities- education tools, rebate incentives...
 - Funding Round Robin
 - Success Stories
 - Great Salt Lake
 - Preview of GSL Legislative Action
 - What's come up and what's on deck
 - Restoration/Science
 - Ag

- Recommended speakers:
 - Jonathan Jennings
 - Jeff McQuillen
 - Lynn de Freitas
 - Jon Parry

WRP ITEMS TO BE THINKING ABOUT TO VOTE ON IN AUGUST- Adam Wickline

- Website update
 - Board to vote at next meeting on updated website
- Bylaws update-review redline items before next meeting to vote on updates

RECAP ON RAFTING RETREAT- Dawna Zukirmi

- 16 people attended
- Great day on the river from Henefer to Taggart

ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

- Ongoing projects
 - River Helpers group in Ogden
 - Helpers of all ages
 - Clean up the rivers as streams in Weber County
 - River clean up event, once a month
 - Began at Rainbow Gardens
 - Instagram [@r1ver helpers](#)
 - Working with Ogden City to get garbage cans cleaned more often
 - Nonpoint source grant
- Draft State Water Plan will be published in the next two weeks
- Ideas
- Needs or things the group might need help with

Draft State Water Plan will be published in the next two weeks

- Weber River Basin chapter was expanded to four pages & includes list of partners

CONCLUSION

- WRP Next Meeting- August 11th, 9:00am, virtual only
- WRWC/WRP Next Meeting- September 8th, 9:00am at Weber Basin Water