

The Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Carbon Water Conservancy District was held Tuesday June 16, 2026 in the Downstairs Conference Room at the Carbon County Administration Building, 751 East 100 North, Price, UT 84501.

Present:

Jon Richens, Trustee, Chairman
Daniel Allen, Trustee, Vice Chairman
Keith Cox, Trustee, Treasurer
Russell Seeley, Trustee
Tyler Clark, Trustee
Gordon Odendahl, Clerk

Also Present:

R.J. Davis, Dam Tender
Derris Jones, Assistant Dam Tender
Bryan Schmutz, USBR
Bill Butcher – PRWUA
David Horsley – Utah Division of Water Rights

Excused:

Christian Bryner, Attorney
Doug Rasmussen, Finance Director
Janelle Jensen, Assistant Finance Director

1. Open Meeting and Introduction of Guests.

Chairman Richens opened the meeting at 3:02 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Review and Possible Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting on 5/19/2026.

There were no comments or concerns about the minutes. Trustee Cox made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Clark seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Dam Tenders Report – RJ Davis.

Dam Tender RJ Davis stated the elevation of the reservoir is currently 7,608.79 ft. which is 42,683 acre-ft. of water. This correlates to 65% of usable capacity. Mr. Davis stated we are currently releasing 90 cfs from the reservoir. Mr. Davis reported that to date the observed inflow as of the June 1st forecasting report has been 2,100 acre-ft. Mr. Davis reported the Slope Protection Project has been completed, but the contractor did not clean up any of the loose dirt at the bottom, so if there are any slides the Piezometer in that location could end up being buried. The fence repairs above the spillway are complete. Again, the contractor did not weld the fence posts as had been discussed and instead welded in gussets for support. Mr. Davis stated he would talk to the contractor about these concerns and advise. Mr. Davis also reported that there was an earthquake last Sunday just South of Scofield at approximately 10:30 AM. (6/14/26). Amy from the Bureau called him on Monday to ask him to check the Dam, but Mr. Davis stated he was at the Dam on Sunday and he did not feel the earthquake and there is no damage to the dam or surrounding area. The earthquake was a small one. There were no questions concerning the Dam Tenders Report.

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. Review and Possible Approval of Guidelines and Draft Policy Regarding Matters Related to the Gooseberry Narrows Project.

Chairman Richens stated he had provided a copy of the draft policy in an earlier meeting. And we discussed with the trustees about a Carbon County based group concerning the Gooseberry Narrows and the need to develop a formal policy for dealing with various situations concerning the Narrows Project. Chairman Richens stated that our board attorney Christian Bryner would be unable to be here today because he was in a court hearing today, but Mr. Bryner had reviewed the resolution and the resolution looked good with a few minor changes he made to the last paragraph and he changed the formatting so it looks like a legal document. Mr. Bryner stated the thing for us to remember is that the Board still needs to approve policy positions that we take and litigation strategies. These need to be approved by a quorum of the Board in a meeting. We can still go into Closed Sessions, on these things, but Mr. Bryner stated we need to be careful to make sure the "whole Board" sets policy, and that any major substantive directions or policy decisions given to our legal counsel are made by a quorum of the board after a decision on a properly noticed-up meeting. The original resolution as well as the resolution with the changes were passed around to the trustees for review. Chairman Richens stated we would review this Resolution later in the meeting after the trustees have had a chance to review the changes proposed by Mr. Bryner. Later in the meeting, just prior to the training session in Agenda Item #9, Chairman Richens asked the trustees if they all had a chance to review the proposed Resolution. All the trustees felt comfortable voting on the resolution and policy as revised by Attorney Christian Bryner. Trustee Cox made a motion to approve and adopt the policy as amended by Mr. Christian Bryner, Board Attorney. Trustee Allen seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

6. Update on BODEC Repairs on Slope Protection Chain Link Screens and Cleanup, and Fence Repairs on Bridge Across the Dam.

Chairman Richens stated this was covered in the Dam Tenders report. Dam Tender RJ Davis will get with Darrell from BODEC and discuss our concerns about how they did the work and report back to us.

7. Update on Progress of Formation of the Local Government Group Concerning Water Issues and Gooseberry Narrows Project.

Chairman Richens stated he had sent everyone a meeting invite for the upcoming meeting to be held Tuesday, June 30th at 10:00 AM. This proposed group was brought about at the suggestion of PRWID's attorney and will include PRWID, PRWUA, Carbon County, CWCD all of the cities and possibly other organizations in Carbon County and tentatively is called the Carbon Water Group. The group would work collectively and oppose the Narrows Project along with any other matters that come up that may have an impact on water availability in Carbon County in the future, subject to previous restrictions per any previous agreements. The meeting is going to focus on what it will take to formally organize the group. Chairman Richens asked Mr. Bill Butcher from PRWUA if he would like to discuss an email from Rick Krompel concerning recent court decisions or possible future actions concerning the lawsuit with Sanpete County WCD and the Narrows Project. Mr. Butcher stated there were some inaccurate statements in the email so he wanted to explain what and why we are considering appeals to the judges' latest decisions. Basically, what PRWUA is trying to decide is whether or not to appeal the court decisions. The court ruled against PRWUA on 2 decisions (open ended timeframe for building a dam and the rule against perpetuity) and in favor of PRWUA on one decision. Mr. Butcher stated we do feel there should be some sort of ending date for the timeframe to build the dam, and the 21-year rule against perpetuity should prevail in this situation. The deadline to file an appeal is Friday and since Friday is a holiday, Mr. Butcher stated they will have their decision made Thursday and are

leaning towards appealing the decisions. The appeal would come at a cost in legal fees and could take 2 to 3 years, but we feel we must do everything possible to protect the county. If we do not appeal now, then the opportunity to appeal is forever gone. Discussions were held about past actions and what could happen based on different scenarios, how perpetuity applies in this situation, and even how dams were decided to be built during WWII, perfecting water rights and various other topics. Overall, there were a lot of opinions in the room and all were supporting PRWUA to continue the fight.

8. Update on Flow Measuring Device Below Scofield Dam.

Chairman Richens stated we have not heard anything from Jones & DeMille so there is nothing to report at this time. River Commissioner Derris Jones noted that he has been watching the gauge closely and recent readings seem to be more accurate than previous readings so USGS may be more familiar with our releases now or maybe has been able to perfect the stream channel data, but the latest readings have been close.

9. Board Training – Duties and Functions of the River Commissioner – Derris Jones – River Commissioner.

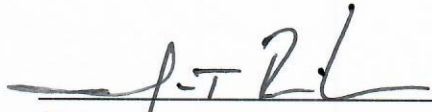
River Commissioner Derris Jones started his presentation by showing everyone how to access the Price River Model online. Mr. Jones showed how he fills in the data for the Accounting Reports and how the model averages these numbers on a daily basis. There are separate entries required for all entities in the Price River Distribution System – all of the canal companies, PRWID, all of the cities and Industrial Users. Chairman Richens asked if Mr. Jones could go through and describe the step-by-step process how water is released and how it gets to the end water user. Mr. Jones described the process by telling how water is called for, the time required for the water to get to the end user and how extra water needs to be released to deliver the water downstream. Mr. Jones stated it takes a minimum of 12 hours for water released from Scofield Reservoir to travel to the canals. At times when the river bank is dry it can take as long as 24 hours to make its way downstream. Typically, it takes 10 cfs to push the released water to the diversion. Evaporation and seepage also need to be accounted for. The River Commissioner's duties end at the point of diversion and after that, it is the responsibility of the canal company to deliver the correct amounts of water to its individual users. Mr. Dave Horsley from the Division of Water Rights was in attendance and added additional information concerning the Model. Further discussions regarding how other regions charge assessments to users, various delivery rates per share of water how Olsen Reservoir will be dredged and the dam rebuilt, and how to access the River Commissioner Report online. Trustee Seeley commented that all this information used to be secret in past years, and with the development of the model and access to this website, trustee Seeley stated this was very good information for us to have access to. Mr. Jones invited anyone who has the desire to go online and review the information available on the website. Chairman Richens asked if there were any questions for Mr. Jones, and there were none. Chairman Richens thanked Mr. Jones for the presentation and then asked if the group wanted another training/educational subject at our next meeting which would be the regular Quarterly Meeting. It was decided to only have these training subjects presented at the monthly meetings between our Quarterly Meeting dates, so the next training will be held in August. Dam Tender RJ Davis suggested we have the August meeting at Scofield and he could show the group around the dam and what is required to be operate the dam.

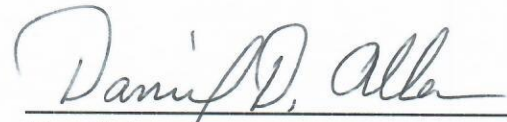
10. Unfinished or New Business Matters.

Chairman Richens asked if there was any further business to discuss. Clerk Odendahl stated he had a couple of announcements to make. First that we recently heard from our insurance carrier - Utah Local Governments Trust – and our application has been accepted for next year’s insurance coverage. There will be a cost increase this coming year due to rapidly increasing cost of liability insurance. Our Workers Comp and Property Insurance have been slightly reduced or held in place, but the Liability Insurance Policy will be more costly, probably in the 5 to 10 % range. Secondly, Clerk Odendahl stated we received the preliminary Agreed Upon Procedures Report from Aycok, Miles and Associated for Fiscal Year 2025. The report was good – there were no problems with the audit, so once the Audit Committee meets and approves the report, then the Report can be filed with the State Auditor’s office.

15. Adjourn Meeting.

There was no further business to discuss. Trustee Allen made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Chairman Richens declared the meeting closed at 4:23 PM.


Chairman


Vice Chairman