

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

Wednesday, August 12, 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, District Clerk

VISITORS:

Curtis Tonks, Utah Local Governments Trust, Risk Finance Consultant
Jeff Rowley, Utah Local Governments Trust, Claims Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathy Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:31 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

Trustee Mortensen:

Reported attending a Utah Local Governments Trust training regarding avoidance of litigation involving water, sewer, and other public entities. He encouraged Board members to participate in Trust training opportunities and legal briefings as relevant topics arise.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Mortensen moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026 meeting. Chair Thurston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye." Trustee Oaks abstained because she was not present at the July meeting and had not listened to the meeting recording.

5. APPROVAL OF EXPENSE REPORT

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

6. STRENGTHS & VULNERABILITIES ANALYSIS / UTAH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TRUST PRESENTATION

Curtis Tonks, Risk Finance Consultant, and Jeff Rowley, Claims Manager, of the Utah Local Governments Trust addressed the Board regarding risk management, loss prevention, claims prevention, and available Trust services.

Trust Overview:

Mr. Tonks reported that the Trust serves approximately 650 local-government members in Utah, including cities, counties, water districts, sewer districts, fire districts, and other service districts.

The Trust provides insurance coverage, claims administration, risk-management resources, training, legal briefings, and loss-prevention services.

Risk Management and Documentation:

Mr. Rowley emphasized maintaining current, practical policies and consistently following them. Policies that are not followed may impair the District's ability to defend a claim. The Trust can assist the District in updating policies through legal resources available at reduced rates.

Mr. Rowley noted that documentation of system conditions, maintenance activities, Board discussions, capital priorities, and annual budget decisions is important to demonstrate the District's proactive management of infrastructure risks and stated that the Trust encourages continued attention to cybersecurity and the use of available Utah Cyber Center services. The Board was commended for its Strengths, Vulnerabilities and Opportunities initiative and a copy was provided to Mr. Rowley.

Mr. Rowley explained that the Trust may provide up to \$5,000 of uninsured costs to directly affected parties for certain culinary-water damages on a no-fault basis, subject to the District's decision to use the program and the circumstances of a particular incident.

Mr. Rowley noted that the Trust provides a free OSHA 10-hour training that would be beneficial to District employees.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. PFAS Mitigation Project and CDBG Project

Mr. Ferguson reported that the physical construction work for the PFAS mitigation project on 100 East has been completed and the final payment request is under review by the District's engineer to confirm that all billed work was completed and charges are appropriate. Staff collected PFAS samples from the new sampling station. Results are pending.

Mr. Ferguson reported that Ormond Construction was awarded the CDBG project as the lowest qualified bidder and that staff has scheduled a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and engineers to review specifications, standards and project requirements on August, 13, 2026. Mr. Ferguson reported that Ormond Construction has successfully completed prior work for the District.

B. 2026 Secondary Water Use

Mr. Ferguson reported that through July, District use was 782 acre-feet, or 46% of the available allocation, leaving 904 acre-feet, or 54%, remaining. Based on current usage, he estimates the District will have approximately 485 acre-feet remaining at the anticipated September 15 end of the irrigation season. North Salt Lake is estimated to have approximately 170 acre-feet remaining, resulting in an estimated combined surplus of approximately 658 acre-feet. Mr. Ferguson reported that District customers appear to be using water efficiently.

C. Impact Fees

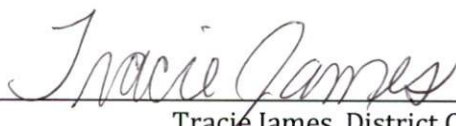
Mr. Ferguson reported that the District is evaluating the adoption of water impact fees for new development. Impact-fee revenues may be used only for growth-related capital capacity needs, such as storage, larger mains, fire hydrants, and other facilities required by new development. The impact-fee process will require an impact-fee analysis, calculation basis, layperson summary, supporting documentation, public notice, and a public hearing.

D. SCADA System Replacement

Mr. Ferguson reported that Abbey Systems, the vendor supplying the District's existing SCADA hardware and software platform which provides automated monitoring and control of District wells, pumps and related facilities, is expected to go out of business by the end of 2027. The District will need to plan for replacement of the SCADA system. Preliminary planning estimates range from approximately \$260,000 to \$475,000, depending on system configuration, communications equipment, site requirements, and the cost of the central control system. Mr. Ferguson will research available grant opportunities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion Chair Thurston declared the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Tracie James, District Clerk