

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

June 5, 2023

(Approved on July 10, 2023)

A regular meeting of the Conservation Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD or District) was held on Monday June 5, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at the District office located at 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, Utah.

This meeting was conducted electronically in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (Utah Code Ann. (1953) §§ 52-4-1 et seq.) and Chapter 7.12 of the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual ("Electronic Meetings").

Trustees Present:

Sherrie Ohrn, Chair
Reed Gibby
Zach Jacob
Karen Lang
Corey L. Rushton
Mick Sudbury
John H. Taylor
Barbara Townsend

Trustees Not Present:

Dawn Ramsey

Others Present:

Shelbey Brewer
Jason Helm

Staff Present:

Alan Packard, General Manager
Jacob Young, Deputy General Manager
Dave Martin, CFO/Treasurer
Shazelle Terry, Assistant General Manager
Matt Olsen, Assistant General Manager
Gordon Batt, Operations Department Manager
Jason Brown, Information Systems Department Manager
Shane Swensen, Engineering Department Manager
Martin Feil, Database Administrator
Mark Stratford, General Counsel
Brian McCleary, Controller
Brian Callister, Maintenance Department Manager
Beverly Parry, Executive Assistant
Mindy Keeling, Administrative Assistant
Alicia Sekiller, Administrative Assistant
Courtney Brown, Conservation Division Manager
Kelly Good, Communications Division Manager
Clifton Smith, Senior Business Data Analyst

Shaun Moser, Conservation Garden Park Manager
Eric Wermel, Conservation Coordinator
Cynthia Bee, Public Information Officer
Amanda Strack, Conservation Supervisor
Kurt Ashworth, Human Resources Manager
Madeline Suelztz, Conservation Coordinator
Margaret Dea, Senior Accountant

The meeting was brought to order at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Sherrie Ohrn.

Approval of the minutes of the Conservation Committee meeting held April 10, 2023

Ms. Sherrie Ohrn called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023, Conservation Committee meeting. Mr. Sudbury moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Townsend seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as follows:

Ms. Barbara Townsend – aye	Ms. Sherrie Ohrn – aye
Ms. Dawn Ramsey – not present	Mr. Zach Jacob – not present
Mr. Reed Gibby – aye	Mr. Mick Sudbury – aye
Mr. Corey Rushton – aye	Mr. John Taylor – not present
Ms. Karen Lang – aye	

Public Comments

No public comments.

Discuss modifications to the Member Agency Grant Programs

Ms. Ohrn began the meeting by introducing Mr. Matt Olsen, who proceeded to present on the existing Member Agency Grant Programs. Mr. Olsen explained that there are now two such programs. The first was established in 2004 and designed to motivate member agencies to implement meaningful water conservation initiatives that better consider the local conditions of retail service providers. The second was established in 2019 with the introduction of the Water Efficiency Standards (WES). Its purpose is to assist member agencies as they transition to fully adopting the standards.

Mr. Olsen introduced two ideas for discussion: the addition of a drought contingency plan to the traditional Member Agency Grant Program as an acceptable Tier 2 grant opportunity, and the extension of the grant for agencies that have adopted the WES, from three to five years. He suggested that if the Committee approved, these concepts could be integrated into the program for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Olsen then highlighted other changes in water conservation programs to consider additional changes to the Member Agency Grant Program. He proposed transferring member agency landscaping incentives to Utah Water Savers to maximize funding benefits. He also proposed excluding secondary meters from District funding, as member agencies could receive funding from the state.

Ms. Ohrn asked whether the grant budget was currently based on a three-year or five-year timeframe. Mr. Olsen clarified that the existing member agency grants were already included in the upcoming fiscal year budget and that the impact of this timeframe change would be in the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Regarding the inclusion of drought contingency plans, Mr. Rushton suggested that the District also incorporate the water conservation element of city general planning, which is now legislatively mandated. He pointed out that land use and water use planning are beginning to overlap and advocated for incentivizing cooperation between these two areas. Mr. Olsen agreed, suggesting that it could be justified if the land use plans included the implementation of water conservation initiatives.

Ms. Ohrn agreed that funding should be isolated to only the water conservation elements of the general planning process.

Finally, Mr. Olsen requested approval to proceed with the changes as outlined. Ms. Ohrn and the Committee expressed support.

Reporting Items

Mr. Brown covered the reporting items from the packet as follows:

- a. 2023 Garden Education Programs Report
- b. 2023 Landscape Leadership Grant Update
- c. 2023 Utah Water Savers Program Update
- d. Member Agency Grant Program Update
- e. Fundraising Progress Report
- f. Foundation Activities Report

Adjourn

Ms. Ohrn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lang moved to adjourn. Ms. Townsend seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.



Sherrie L. Ohrn, Conservation Committee Chair

7.10.2023

Date



Matthew D. Olsen, Assistant General Manager

7/10/2023

Date