

Ute Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
August 9, 2023

Meeting No. 986 of the Ute Water Conservancy District's Board of Directors and the Ute Water Activity Enterprise was called to order by President, Greg Green, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.

ROLL CALL

Board Members: Briana Board, Pat Brennan, Newt Burkhalter, Carl Conner, Dan Cronk, Tammy Eret, Robert Foster, Greg Green, Ken Henry, Sally Huddle, Ben Miller, and Bob Wilson were present. Bruce Talbott and Troy Waters were absent.

Ute Water employees at the meeting included: Justin Bates, Nick Bierman, Larry Clever, Gary Coup, Tanner DeGuire, Jamie George, Ben Hoffman, Tony Ibarra, Jesse Klingler, Andrea Lopez, Jeremy Lyon, Justin Marchun, Scott Olsen, Dave Payne, Dave Priske, Rick Stengel, Logan Wagner, and Greg Williams. Brett Murphy participated remotely. Ute Water's general counselors, Chris Geiger and Sara Dunn, were also in attendance. Ms. Dunn attended remotely.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Newt Burkhalter to approve the July board meeting minutes, No. 985. Pat Brennan seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the July board meeting minutes.

BILLS

A motion was made by Bob Wilson to approve the July bills. The motion to approve the bills was seconded by Robert Foster. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the July bills.

WATER & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Newt Burkhalter to approve the Water and Construction Committee minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Dan Cronk. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Water & Construction Committee minutes.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT

District Engineer, Dave Priske, gave the board an update on the progress of the Distribution System Modeling. In a recent call, Black and Veatch confirmed that phase one is complete, and the Engineering department feels confident that the accuracy and the compatibility of the model align with current data programs. Phase two will begin to incorporate pressure monitors in the modeling software, develop the water quality modeling, and model redundancy in the distribution system.

Board member, Newt Burkhalter, asked if the District was testing the concrete that is being installed for the pre-sedimentation basins. Mr. Priske responded that the District tests the concrete per the Colorado Department of Transportation's guidelines, including air slump and temperature, along with casting concrete cylinders that are broken at 7 days, 28 days, and additional cylinders at 56 days if the cylinders broken at 28 days fail.

DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Nick Bierman, Meter Section Supervisor, informed the board that, thanks to the hard work of the summer interns and the partnership with the Fire Hydrant Crew, over 1,000 hydrants in the District had been repainted between May and August. The Lead and Copper Crew inspected 123 service lines in July.

TREATMENT & SOURCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Manager, Dave Payne, stated that Vega Reservoir has set a record for spilling this year. Mr. Payne stated that Vega Reservoir measured 26,000 acre-feet, compared to 2020, when it was measuring at 9,000 acre-feet.

President Green asked Dave Payne to elaborate further on why the District was incorporating Mesa Creek water to increase the alkalinity. Mr. Payne explained that the water coming into the Jerry Creek Reservoirs through the tailrace is low in alkalinity, and alkalinity is important for coagulation during the water treatment process and the total organic carbon removal, which is a water quality parameter that is regulated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Finance Director, Scott Olsen, gave the board an update on the Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a new firm to conduct the audit next year, due to Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co. no longer performing audits. Mr. Olsen received seven proposals back, with proposed costs ranging from \$12,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Olsen will coordinate interviews with representatives from the board and staff members.

Mr. Olsen also reminded the board that the Finance Committee will meet on August 15th, and monthly meetings will be held until November to accommodate the 2024 budgeting timeline.

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Human Resources/Risk Manager, Jamie George, congratulated HR/Risk Specialist, Nikki Dalpiaz, on the completion of her Master of Science degree in Human Resource Management with a specialization in Finance. Bob Wilson made a motion for the board to extend their congratulations to Mrs. Dalpiaz. The motion was seconded by Ben Miller. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mrs. George also mentioned that the District is currently recruiting a Customer Service Representative and the Project Engineer position has been filled, with a start date of September 1, 2023.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

External Affairs Manager, Andrea Lopez, congratulated Logan Wagner, External Affairs Assistant, on his first media interview for Smart Irrigation Month, an educational and awareness campaign highlighting the dual water system in the valley.

Ms. Lopez also thanked Tim Moore, Brett Murphy, and Trustyn Miller for their help assisting the External Affairs Department in preparation to hand out free water at the Mesa County Fair.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Larry Clever, provided updates on Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Lake Powell is 43.66 feet above this time last year. Inflows to Lake Powell are approximately 11 million acre-feet, and outflows of approximately 7 million acre-feet. Mr. Clever also informed the board that the Summer Colorado Water Congress agenda currently includes a discussion that includes the seven basin states' negotiators for the Colorado River issues.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel, Chris Geiger, gave the board a brief update on the progress of the active cases his firm is working on.

QUARTERLY OUTSIDE COUNSEL REPORT

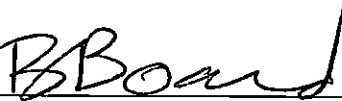
No additional questions were asked of the Quarterly Outside Counsel report.

GENERAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

There was no additional information or discussion.

President, Greg Green, adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Briana Board, Secretary