

CACHE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

JULY 10, 2017

MINUTES

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened in a regular session on July 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cache County Administration Building, Multipurpose Room, 179 North Main Street, Logan, Utah.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeannie F. Simmonds – Logan #1 Council District
Barbara Y. Tidwell – Logan #2 Council District
Herm Olsen – Logan #3 Council District
Max Pierce – North Council District
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District
Jonathan W. Hardman – South Council District
Shaun Dustin – Southeast Council District
Jared Clawson – At-Large Position
David L. Erickson – At-Large Position
Don Baldwin – Agricultural Representative

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:

Jon White – At-Large Position

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Blaise Chanson
Wayne Honaker
Ron Natali
Janeen Allen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeannie Simmonds at 5:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Blaise Chanson

- Asked that the final draft of the Interlocal Agreement be available for public review. Simmonds said that it would.
- Asked that notice of the Cache Water District meetings be more available to the general public.
- Noted that the rent for office space has not been changed on the budget. Simmonds said it would be amended later when they know for sure what the amount will be.
- Asked that at the next meeting, an estimate of the 1 mil levy and 2 mil levy could be made available from Mr. Buttars so they could anticipate future budgets.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA(JUNE 19, 2017) AND MINUTES (JUNE 5, 2017)

ACTION: Motion was made by Olsen and seconded by Clawson to approve the July 10, 2017 agenda and the June 19, 2017 minutes of the Cache Water District as written. The vote in favor was unanimous, 9-0, Erickson and White absent at time of vote

5:35 p.m. – David Erickson arrived

2. APPROVAL OF BUDGET

ACTION: Motion was made by Dustin and seconded by Erickson to approve the 2017 Budget of the Cache Water District. The vote in favor was unanimous, 10-0, White absent at time of vote

There was some discussion about the salary amount. Dustin and Clawson noted that it is somewhat arbitrary because they don't know what the actual amount will be but they had to make an educated estimate in order to pass a budget.

3. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Simmonds said the Interlocal Agreement had been sent to the Water District attorney but hasn't come back yet, so discussion of the agreement is postponed until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FUTURE TOPICS FOR CACHE WATER DISTRICT MEETINGS

Simmonds opened the discussion by asking for input from the board members about future meetings and what items should be reviewed. She wondered if it would be appropriate to invite the different cities in the valley to address the board with their water needs. There are several groups who have asked to present to the Cache Water District and Simmonds said she would like to have some focus to future meetings.

Dustin said there are many different special interest groups wanting to present and the board needs to find a balance between hearing from different groups and fulfilling their duty as water stewards in general for the Cache Valley. He expressed an interest in hearing groups present information but would rather not hear groups that just want to lobby.

Pierce said they have an obligation to reach out to the communities in Cache County and hear what their water concerns are because the Board of Trustees represents them. He suggested having members of the board attend the council meetings of all the municipalities in order to understand their needs better.

Erickson said he sees the most critical issue for the Board to work through right now is finding out what water rights the people have (collectively and individually), where they are going, what

percentage is being used, and how to keep those rights here in the county.

Tidwell agreed with Pierce but wondered how it would work to go out to the communities and then try to relay their information back to the district. Dustin suggested going to the council meetings and giving a short presentation showing where the district is and asking for their feedback and then they can come and present their needs and concerns to the Board.

Randall said one of the points that was emphasized before the election was the need for a district in order to give this county a voice at the state level. He likes the idea of bringing in the water engineer for this northern region to give the Board an idea of the water situation here as a baseline from which future discussions and decisions can take place.

Simmonds said that she would arrange for someone at the state level to come to the next meeting and present in detail the history of and the current state of water in Cache Valley.

Olsen said it's a good idea to go to the city council meetings as a way of introducing the new district to the county. For the most part, the citizens are still not aware of the new Water District and what it can do for them. Baldwin agreed but said the district cannot give direction to the rest of the county until it knows where it is.

Dustin said the Board should consider having the state come and give a background of the water situation here and also help the district hire a manager with the qualifications needed to effectively run the day-to-day operations and move the district in the direction it needs to go.

From the discussion, Simmonds determined several items of action:

- Contact the State Water Engineer to come and present at the next meeting
- Contact the municipalities and have a sign-up sheet for board members to attend city council meetings
- Form a committee to begin drafting a job description for a manager

Olsen said he was contacted by someone who can produce a topographical map that shows in great detail the land that would be impacted if the Cutler Dam was raised three feet. He will keep the man's contact information for the future.

Baldwin said this Board has an obligation to study and know what the Bear River Management Plan is. He has some major concerns with this plan and urged the members of the board to become informed and provide feedback during the public comment period. Information about the plan can be found on the DNR website.

2. PRESENTATION: *LOGAN RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT*

Frank Howe

The remainder of the meeting was a presentation on the Logan River Restoration Project given by Frank Howe. The powerpoint presentation is part of these minutes as "Attachment A."

OPEN ITEMS

Hardman passed a signup sheet around for members of the board for the Fair. He will be there to set up the first day and on Saturday to break it down.

His ideas for the booth include:

- Items downloaded from the state website for the kids teaching about water conservation
- Two to three question survey or poll to receive input from the public about water conservation
- Banners from last year for information
- Water bottles and Otter Pops for treats

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.