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The purposes of the District include planning for and facilitating the long-term conservation, development, protection, distribution, management and stabilization of water rights and water supplies for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing, municipal, recreational and other beneficial uses, including the natural stream environment, in a cost-effective way to meet the needs of the residents and growing population of Cache County.

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CACHE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES February 3, 2020

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened for a regular meeting on February 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan W. Hardman – South Council District
Max Pierce – North Council District
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District
Jared Clawson – At-Large Position
Kirt Lindley – At-Large Position
Jeannie F. Simmonds – Logan #1 Council District
Scott Clark - Logan #2 Council District
Don Baldwin – Agricultural Representative
Shaun Dustin – Southeast Council District

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:

David Erickson – At-Large Position
Herm Olsen – Logan #3 Council District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nathan Daug (Manager), Chris Slater (J-U-B Engineers),
Debbie Zilles

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardman at 5:30 p.m.
Consideration for minutes of January 13, 2020 and agenda for February 3, 2020.

ACTION: Motion by Ms. Simmonds to approve the agenda and the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Pierce. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the change in meeting dates and the time bank statements are received; January's will be presented next month.

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Feb. 24-28 – RWUA Annual Meeting
- Mar. 16-18 – Utah Water Users Annual Conference - St. George, Utah
- Mar 20-21 – Home & Garden Show (host a booth)

MOTION: Mr. Lindley moved to approve covering expenses for Mr. Pierce to attend the RWUA Annual Meeting in February. Ms. Simmonds seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously (8-0).

Aye: Baldwin, Clark, Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Pierce, Randall, Simmonds

Nay:

Absent: Dustin, Erickson, Olsen

5:38 p.m. Mr. Dustin arrived.

MANAGER'S REPORT

2020 WATER BILLS UPDATE

S.B. 26 – Water Banking Amendments (Rep. Hawkes & Sen. Iwamoto) – Bill has passed through the Senate and has moved to the House. Mr. Baldwin said there has been some pushback and concern from the agricultural community based on misunderstanding and fear that they will lose water. Mr. Daus said he would be happy to attend meetings and explain the nature of the bill. Water cannot be required to be put into a bank and water from Cache Valley will not be put in a bank outside the valley. Mr. Baldwin said some of the concern is for diminishing water volume and water not getting to the end of the ditch. Mr. Clark has had concerns about the unknowns but he is willing to support the bill. He encouraged the District to stay involved and receive feedback. Mr. Baldwin said Idaho has a functional water bank, however, it is different in the fact that they work largely with agricultural water users and they do not have the metropolitan demand the Wasatch Front has. Mr. Daus said Utah's will be different. Idaho has a delivery system that crosses the entire state (Snake River) and the bank is run by the state government. Utah did not want that model due to fact that each basin has different needs and challenges. Mr. Baldwin said one of the current protections that agricultural water has is the fact that water must stay within a geographical description; he would not like to see water being allowed to be taken out. Mr. Daus said the cities are not defined to a geographic region, currently cities cannot legally provide water outside their city boundaries, however, some cities are and so the legislation will make it legal for cities that are doing it. It also gives residents outside the cities, who use the water, rights. Mr. Clark said water banks are required to define

boundaries and public meetings and input are required and water must be used within the same basin. Mr. Daugs said there will be future presentations on this issue at upcoming meetings.

S.B. 51 – Secondary Water Requirements (Sen. Anderegg) – Bill is currently not before any committees.

S.B. 52 – Agricultural Water Use Amendments (Sen. Anderegg) – Bill may be dropped because he will be able to get the information he needs. He will likely come back with a bill in the next couple of years which will require every agricultural user to meter.

H.B. 40 – Water Loss Accounting Act (Rep. Ballard) – Bill moving through legislation.

URS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Cache Water District is authorized to employ personnel on a full-time basis; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to provide benefits authorized by Utah state law for the personnel by the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District Board to approve and authorize coverage under Public Employees' Retirement Systems for Cache Water District personnel.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Cache Water District, Logan Utah that the District Chair and Vice Chair are authorized to undertake all the necessary actions to enroll the District in the benefit programs of the Public Employees' Retirement Systems offered by Utah Retirement Systems, including the retirement coverage and death benefit coverage for qualified employees under the laws and regulations of the Utah Retirement Systems.

MOTION: Mr. Randall moved to approve Resolution 2020-01 as presented. Mr. Clawson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously (9-0).

Aye: Baldwin, Clark, Clawson, Dustin, Hardman, Lindley, Pierce, Randall, Simmonds

Nay:

Absent: Erickson, Olsen

5:53 p.m. Mr. Dustin was excused.

WELLSVILLE-MENDON PROJECT UPDATE

J-U-B Engineers and Franson Civil Engineers have been selected and the contract has been signed. The PL566 grant application will be submitted the first part of March.

CROCKETT PROJECT UPDATE

The initial grant was not received because one reviewer thought it would fit better under the Army Corps of Engineers rather than PL566 and checked it “ineligible”. A meeting with the state NRCS representatives has determined that it would be better to resubmit below \$25 million, rather than for the entire \$80 million. This would get the environmental assessment and the first phase done and then supplemental applications could be submitted. The Crockett group met and agreed to move forward with that approach. Each agency has been asked to pay \$1,000 each for the resubmittal costs. The state NRCS is favorable of the project. Mr. Slater explained that because the application will be under \$25 million it will require an Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than an Environment Impact Statement (EIS). He explained the different categories the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires. The application will be submitted to the state NRCS on March 1 for review and refinement and the national deadline is April 3.

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved to approve the resubmittal of the grant application and the associated \$1,000 cost for the Water District. Mr. Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously (8-0).

Aye: Baldwin, Clark, Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Pierce, Randall, Simmonds

Nay:

Absent: Dustin, Erickson, Olsen

OTHER

Mr. Daugs met with USU Extension; the first intern for the summer check program will be hired and onboard by the first part of April; a second intern will be hired closer to summer. Ms. Simmonds pointed out the importance of good advertising for the program.

Ms. Simmonds will look into when the District began paying for the Slow the Flow program. Mr. Daugs said the 2019 invoice will be paid, however, there was a 2017 charge listed that needs to be researched.

The Northern Utah Water Conference will be the last week of March or first week of April. More details to come

WATER MASTER PLAN

MOTION: Mr. Lindley moved to approve the Water Master Plan. Mr. Clawson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously (8-0).

Aye: Baldwin, Clark, Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Pierce, Randall, Simmonds

Nay:

Absent: Dustin, Erickson, Olsen

REVIEW 2020 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO)

1.0 Local Outreach / State Committees and Legislation

Members assigned: [Jon Hardman](#), [Jeannie Simmonds](#), [Scott Clark](#)

- 1.1 Hold monthly Water District meeting.
- 1.2 Develop and approve annual Water District budget.
- 1.3 Improve online Water District presence.
- 1.4 Ensure Water District minutes and agenda are available one (1) week in advance of meetings.
- 1.5 Schedule and publish all Water District meeting dates at the start of the year.
- 1.6 Schedule and meet with individual cities and communities to determine ways the Water District can work together with them.
- 1.7 Keep irrigation companies and cities updated on legislative water issues that could affect them.
- 1.8 Keep water master plan up to date as new issues arise.
- 1.9 Reach out to the legislature.

2.0 Conservation

Members assigned: [Jared Clawson](#), [Herm Olsen](#), [Bret Randall](#)

- 2.1 Plan and hold annual water conference in partnership with Bear River Water Conservancy District.
- 2.2 Partner with USU extension and provide financial assistance to hire two + part time employees to conduct sprinkler system audits and hold local scape classes.
- 2.3 Continue support of the Slow the Flow statewide campaign.
- 2.3 Reserve and staff Lawn & Garden Show booth.
- 2.4 Work with cities to find ways to meet the 2030 water conservation goals.

3.0 Multi-Jurisdictional ASR Program

Members assigned: [Scott Clark](#), [Bret Randall](#), [Shaun Dustin](#)

- 3.1 Educate Water District board and explore opportunities to study possible ASR sites in Cache County
- 3.2 Work with North Logan/Hyde Park on grant proposal for ASR study of the Green Canyon gravel pit and the potential benefits to these areas.

4.0 Bear River Development

Members assigned: [Max Pierce](#), [Jeannie Simmonds](#), [David Erickson](#)

- 4.1 Review the Bear River Development study and determine the best options for Cache Valley's water storage.
- 4.2 Support on-going efforts to study possible storage and development options.
- 4.3 Develop evaluation criteria for determining best possible options for storage and delivery.
- 4.4 Explore opportunities for putting Bear River allocation to beneficial uses.

5.0 Water Banking

Members assigned: Don Baldwin, Scott Clark, Kirt Lindley

- 5.1 Support ongoing study by USU to explore water banking opportunities.
- 5.2 Support legislative efforts to encourage water banking.
- 5.3 Participate in the DWRe pilot program and from a functioning water bank for a sub watershed in Cache Valley.

6.0 Multi-Jurisdictional Secondary Water

Members assigned: Max Pierce, Kirt Lindley, Scott Clark

- 6.1 Support ongoing efforts to explore secondary water system opportunities for Crockett Avenue irrigation.
- 6.2 Lead the efforts to obtain funding for the Wellsville-Mendon secondary water and flood control project.
- 6.3 Identify additional secondary water system opportunities.

7.0 Irrigation Delivery Efficiencies

Members assigned: Don Baldwin, Kirt Lindley, Jared Clawson, Max Pierce

- 7.1 Work with existing irrigation companies to identify and prioritize key canal rehabilitation projects.
- 7.2 Work with canal companies and partner on grant opportunities to obtain funding to study the seepage loss of the larger canal systems in the county.

8.0 Other

Members assigned: Scott Clark, Herm Olsen, Jon Hardman, Jeannie Simmonds

- 8.1 Cloud seeding.
- 8.2 Look at where additional Snotel Sites are needed.
- 8.3 Develop priority screening for financial requests that come to the Water District.

MOTION: Mr. Clawson moved to approve the 2020 Annual Plan of Operation (APO). Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously (8-0).
Aye: Baldwin, Clark, Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Pierce, Randall, Simmonds
Nay:
Absent: Dustin, Erickson, Olsen

ADOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.