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CACHE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2021

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened for a regular meeting on April 5, 2021 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:

Don Baldwin – Agricultural Representative
Scott Clark - Logan #2 Council District
Jonathan Hardman – South Council District
Kirt Lindley – At-Large Position
Max Pierce – North Council District
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District
Brett Roper – At Large Position
Jeannie Simmonds – Logan #1 Council District

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:

Jared Clawson – At-Large Position
Shaun Dustin – Southeast Council District
Herm Olsen – Logan #3 Council District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nathan Daug (Manager), Mike Wilson (CRS Engineers), Debbie Zilles

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardman at 5:35 p.m.
Consideration for minutes from March 1, 2021, and agenda for April 5, 2021

ACTION: Motion by Ms. Simmonds to approve the agenda and the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office presented to Don Baldwin, who was recently reappointed by the County Council, by Debbie Zilles

FINANCIAL REPORT

See [-Attachment 1-](#)

Ms. Simmonds noted that a \$20,000 reimbursement was received for the Logan Watershed project and a \$3,000 reimbursement for the Wellsville/Mendon project.

She pointed out that the budget amount is how much is budgeted for two (2) months (Jan-Feb) and the percent of the budget indicates how much of the budget has been spent or received.

Health Equity is higher because had not been sending invoices, so it had not been paid for some time. Ms. Simmonds caught this while doing reports and that has been caught up.

\$26,792.50 has been paid out for cloud seeding so far this year. It appears to be a high percentage because it is divided into 12 months, rather than when it is used.

Ms. Simmonds clarified for Mr. Baldwin that \$100,000 is what has been budgeted for the Wellsville/Mendon project. Mr. Daugs explained that this is a PL-566 grant and the money will be reimbursed 100% by NRCS.

Ms. Simmonds will meet with Nate to complete a Fraud Risk Assessment report. The state gives agencies a score when they are filed annually. She will present the report to the Board at the next meeting for review.

Mr. Daugs said there is not a need for a vehicle right now, he anticipates summer, he will check with the state purchasing department to determine when to order a vehicle.

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Apr. 14 – Utah Water Task Force @ 1:30 p.m. (Nate will send out link)
- Apr. 14 – Wellsville/Mendon Kick-off Meeting w/NRCS
- Apr. 19 – ASR APO Meeting @ 5:30 (B. Randall & S. Clark)
- Apr. 19-20 – Bear River Commission (Nate will send out link)
- May 17-19 – Utah Water Users Conference – St. George

MANAGER'S REPORT

Wellsville-Mendon PL-566 – The contract has been signed and received. The kick-off meeting to set up agency and scoping meetings will be held on April 14. The PL-566 is primarily to look at flooding issues and conservation associated with agricultural water. The watershed boundaries are Hyrum Dam to just past Valley View Highway, the bottom boundary is Little Bear River, and up to the summit of the Wellsville mountains.

Watersheds must stay under 250,000 acres. The PL-566 program is administered through NRCS. The Water District helps sponsor these programs. Mr. Roper suggested that it might be better to name these after the watersheds as opposed to irrigation systems (for better clarity).

Water Banking – Meetings are continuing with the two canal companies interested in forming the bank (between Hyrum and the Wellsville/Mendon Conservation District). There seems to be quite a bit of enthusiasm. Mr. Lindley said it might be easier to do a contract rather than a water change. Chairman Hardman said this seems to be quite straightforward.

Review of Home & Garden Show – Mr. Daugs said he had several good discussions on the Logan Watershed project. Quite a few water check flyers were handed out. Ms. Simmonds felt like there was a higher interest in conservation than she has seen in the past. In her 4 hours manning the booth she spoke with about 20 people; Chairman Hardman spoke to 20-25 people and Mr. Clark talked to 10 people briefly Saturday morning. Mr. Roper said he also had discussions with about 10 people. Chairman Hardman said his opinion is this is worth continuing, Mr. Daugs agreed and said it seems to be a more effective venue than the Fair. Chairman Hardman said next year, the creation of one page of talking points might be good. Mr. Clark said having a controller box there to catch more attention is also a good idea. Mr. Daugs does not know if there will be in-person localscapes meetings this year, last year the virtual meetings did not have much attendance.

Legislative Updates

State Engineer Electronic Communications (H.B. 0024) – permits the state engineer to send electronic communications under certain circumstances. This is not mandated but does make it more convenient.

Subdivision Plat Amendments (H.B. 107) – requires the owner of land seeking a municipality or county approval for the recording of subdivision to describe certain water conveyance facilities located in the plat. This provides the canal companies more time to respond to concerns. If there are any engineering and/or legal items that need to be taken care of on the canal companies' side, the developer must pay those costs.

Water Pricing Structure (H.B. 0144) – **DID NOT PASS**. This may likely come back around. This bill was proposing to mandate that water pricing structure would be based on lot size rather than irrigated space. Mr. Clark has recently dealt with similar issues and believed education should be an important component. Chairman Hardman said the challenge is that some people use much more than their allocation. Mr. Daugs said the District's role is to work with cities when ordinances are revised to help with conservation.

Utah Lake Authority (H.B. 0364) – **DID NOT PASS**. This bill was to establish a Commission to govern Utah Lake.

Regional watershed councils was passed last year. There is currently a study on how this will work across the state. There is proposed to be eleven (11) of them with one for the Great Salt Lake. A Bear River Watershed Council would be comprised of interested users and/or and environmental groups. Any larger water projects would be presented to this

body, who would not have approval or denial ability. The fear is if the council (another layer) does not like a project, it may get stalled in the state funding process

Cloud Seeding – Generally ends in March, however, it was not used much this year. Mr. Dausgs said they will leave the generators out in April in case there are any good storms (more for rain seeding rather than snow seeding). It would only be on a per-hour basis if the generators are run in April.

Mr. Baldwin asked for the current elevation of Bear Lake. Mr. Randall said it is 5,924’.

Willow Lake Subdivision in Logan – the Logan City Planning Commission conditionally approved Phase 1 to begin to move forward. Many conditions of approval will have to be met by the developer. Discussions are beginning about what grounds in the Valley should never be rezoned for development. Ms. Simmonds attended a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers Silver Jackets program about floodplains and preserving floodways. They will develop a proposal to create a handbook on what needs to be done to develop a project. Bill Young, Logan City Engineer, said that the Willow Park Subdivision property floodplain maps are being sent to FEMA.

Chairman Hardman asked for suggestions on how to be more proactive on projects going forward. One of the suggestions was for members to be more involved in projects going on in their areas and bring any concerns to the Board. Ms. Simmonds agreed that the Board seems to be more proactive, especially because the Logan River changes on the west side of town. There is a need to understand how floodplains function with respect to groundwater and water flow. There is also a challenge to balance personal property rights. Mr. Clark said the members do need to be educated.

Chairman Hardman said the Executive Committee meets two weeks prior to the Board meeting and the agenda is sent out a week before the meeting. If any member wants things added to the agenda, let someone on the Executive Committee know.

APO REVIEW – CONSERVATION & SNOTEL SITES/CLOUD SEEDING

Mr. Clawson was selected as the Chair of the Cloud Seeding Committee. The committee discussed trying to get another snotel site on the south end of the Valley. There were discussions about expanding the cloud seeding up in the Bear River Watershed (Wyoming).

Mr. Roper was selected as the Chair of the Conservation Committee. The committee talked about tiered water pricing. He has reviewed areas across the state and there is a lot of variation among municipalities in the Valley. Most of the cities in the Valley are cheaper than Salt Lake and St. George. The question is what path the Board should take for more consistent reasoning in the pricing of water; what role does the Board play in those scenarios (other than conservation education). Having a plan would be a good thing. In the 5-year plan, there was a position associated with Conservation and he cannot see how a part-time person would be used effectively. Mr. Dausgs said they would be

involved in a multi-pronged approach and could do many different things when the time is right.

OTHER

Mr. Randall reviewed a class he recently attended at the Utah Rural Water Conference title “*Water Public Resource or Private Property?*” (members were provided a handout). Mr. Randall said it was very informative and the information talks about 100 years of history involving water rights/laws in Utah as well as precedent Supreme Court decisions. He encouraged members to read the information.

Mr. Pierce is amazed that many public officials do not have a good grasp of water issues. Education is something all members need to be up to speed on and share with other City officials and members of canal companies.

LOGAN RIVER WATERSHED UPDATE

Mr. Daugs said there have been two public scoping meetings done. There have been several opinion articles published. He and Zan Murray with J-U-B presented to the Logan City Council. There was a lot of misconception and different ideas when the process began so it is important to get the word out on what is being proposed. The public comment portion is now closed. 700-800 comments were received, and J-U-B is putting those in different categories to be included in the scoping document. The next phase will be coming up with alternatives and how they will be ranked based on the goals and guidelines of the program. The alternatives will be evaluated throughout the process. The goal is to come up with one preferred alternative.

Ms. Simmonds asked who determines what the alternatives are. Mr. Daugs said it will be those agencies involved – the Cache Water District, Logan, North Logan, Hyde Park, and Crockett Avenue Irrigation. The plan includes addressing flood control and flood protection, evaluate measures to reduce water loss and increase efficiency in the current irrigation delivery system and consider additional recreational facilities. Public comments will be considered and addressed but are not driving the design alternatives. The preferred alternatives will go through a 30% design process; from those, one will be chosen as the preferred alternative. It is a complex project based on many different pieces. Flooding/delivery issues are a big concern. Mr. Randall said one of the biggest facing cities is stormwater. Canals have historically been used as stormwater conveyance. Mr. Daugs said the goals of the project will determine the alternatives.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

-ATTACHMENT 1-

3:58 PM

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Accrual Basis

Cache Water District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through February 2021

	Jan - Feb 21	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Cache County Property Taxes	0.00	45,840.00	0.0%
PL-566 Watershed Grant			
NRCS	20,000.00		
PL-566 Watershed Grant - Other	0.00	166,670.00	0.0%
Total PL-566 Watershed Grant	20,000.00	166,670.00	12.0%
Wellsville Mendon Study	3,000.00		
Total Income	23,000.00	212,510.00	10.8%
Gross Profit	23,000.00	212,510.00	10.8%
Expense			
Office			
Insurance and Bonding	0.00	840.00	0.0%
Office Supplies	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Publications	0.00	840.00	0.0%
Rent	1,350.00	920.00	146.7%
Technology	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Vehicle			
Fuel	0.00	420.00	0.0%
Vehicle - Other	0.00	8,340.00	0.0%
Total Vehicle	0.00	8,760.00	0.0%
Total Office	1,350.00	12,110.00	11.1%
Outreach			
Conservation	0.00	4,170.00	0.0%
Dues	0.00	420.00	0.0%
Sponsorships	0.00	420.00	0.0%
Training	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Website	0.00	340.00	0.0%
Total Outreach	0.00	6,350.00	0.0%
Personnel			
Salary and benefits	21,316.77	21,420.00	99.5%
Travel and Mileage	332.34	840.00	39.6%
Total Personnel	21,649.11	22,260.00	97.3%
Professional Fees			
Administrative	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Attorney Services	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Audit	0.00	1,170.00	0.0%
Financial Services	74.75	1,670.00	4.5%
Total Professional Fees	74.75	8,090.00	0.9%
Project funding			
Cloud Seeding	26,792.50	8,340.00	321.3%
Water Acquisition	0.00	6,170.00	0.0%
Water Studies			
Crockett Study	20,000.00	66,670.00	30.0%
Wellsville/Mendon Irrigation	0.00	100,000.00	0.0%
Water Studies - Other	0.00	25,000.00	0.0%
Total Water Studies	20,000.00	191,670.00	10.4%
Total Project funding	46,792.50	206,180.00	22.7%
Total Expense	69,866.36	254,990.00	27.4%
Net Ordinary Income	-46,866.36	-42,480.00	110.3%
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