



CACHE WATER DISTRICT

Our water. Our future. Our choice.

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 August 6, 2018

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened on August 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for a REGULAR SESSION in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeannie F. Simmonds – Logan #1 Council District
Jared Clawson – At-Large Position
Don Baldwin – Agricultural Representative
Herm Olsen – Logan #3 Council District
Jonathan W. Hardman – South Council District
Max Pierce – North Council District

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:

Shaun Dustin – Southeast Council District
David L. Erickson – At-Large Position
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District
Jon White – At-Large Position

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nathan Daug - Water District Manager, Chris Slater (J-U-B Engineers), Quinn Dance (J-U-B Engineers), Blaise Chanson, Hilary Shughart (Bridgerland Audubon Society), Bryan Dixon, Ann Neville (The Nature Conservancy), Jon Drew (Providence City Mayor), Lisa Welsh (USU), Chad Brown, Debbie Zilles

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeannie Simmonds at 5:32 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Consideration for the minutes from July 7, 2018 and consent agenda for August 6, 2018.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Olsen to approve the agenda and the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Clawson. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Drew, Providence City Mayor, described a recent event where the pump motor of one (of 3) of the water wells failed, resulting in the loss of approximately 1 million gallons of culinary water. The repair cost was just under \$30,000 and took two weeks to complete. Residents were notified and the City, schools and churches cut back on water usage. City officials spoke with a local irrigation company to see if additional water could be accessed. The City normally receives 1 million gallons annually and were able to obtain an additional million gallons. The irrigation company that owns the spring has rights to 10 million gallons of water daily, which is an enormous resource that could benefit the entire valley. He suggested that the District consider and be involved in developing an agreement (similar to police and fire mutual aid agreements) for water management and cooperation.

Bryan Dixon pointed out that the Water District bylaws do not allow the District to take over an existing water supply system and will not impose on existing water management. The 2013 Water Plan included a needs analysis for municipal and public water supply in Cache County and there are no large population centers that are not currently being served. Water demand forecasts discovered that there are no proposed water shortages prior to 2050. Although the District is not developing new water sources, there is value in working with communities to build infrastructure to help distribute the water supply.

MANAGER'S REPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

Nathan Daugs distributed a sign-up sheet for the Cache County Fair booth (August 9-11).

After meeting with each Board member, it was determined that the priority is protecting Cache Valley's water rights (existing and undeveloped 60,000 acre-feet). He will begin meeting with City officials and irrigators. There will be a fair share of compromise with the State to ensure that the Valley's needs are adequately met.

After the Fair (which will include a questionnaire on water conservation) he will begin to put together educational resources.

He recommended having an attorney, specializing in water rights, to ensure that the District's needs are being adequately and legally addressed. Mr. Olsen recommended having applications submitted and reviewed by the Board. Chairperson Simmonds said funds are allocated and can be amended by the Board if/when necessary.

Chairperson Simmonds asked what the board can do to help Mr. Daugs be successful. Mr. Daugs said support and participation in local meetings and sub-committees would be beneficial. There is quite a bit of information on the Bear River Development, he will be taking time to compile accurate information.

Mr. Daugs will be attending a meeting with local legislatures and candidates on August 23 to discuss water issues.

The District office will be ready within the next month when the building is completed.

Mr. Hardman asked about the Northern Utah Water Users Conference. Mr. Daugs explained that there had been discussion regarding one this fall; however, he thinks it would be better to wait.

2nd QTR FINANCIAL REPORT

No authorized signers were in attendance to sign checks.

Invoices pending approved for payment:

Nathan Daugs	\$392.40	Mileage Reimbursement	Chk #1018
Nathan Daugs	\$94.07	Reimbursement for Square One supplies	Chk #1019
Nathan Daugs	\$59.31	Reimbursement for Walmart Supplies	Chk #1020
VLCM	\$337.41	HP Color LaserJet Pro MFP M281 Printer	Chk #1021
VLCM	\$1,232.32	Dell Latitude 5590 Core Computer	Chk #1022
TOTAL	\$2,115.08		

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Clawson and seconded by Mr. Pierce to approve payment for the invoices listed above. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

MANAGER SET-UP STATUS

Chairperson Simmonds said the phone has not been received, however, she will continue to follow up on the issue. The payroll paperwork for Mr. Daugs has been completed.

GRANT APPLICATION

The WaterSmart grant application, submitted in January, was not accepted. A meeting with J-U-B Engineers and the grant organization will be set up to determine what information is necessary and the application will be edited and re-submitted at no cost.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hardman advised that Mr. Daugs is reviewing participation in the Slow the Flow effort (\$10,000). The results from last year's survey indicated that water conservation is a priority. He recommended that the initial focus be directed toward helping people recognize water usage. Often, people do not understand how much water is being consumed/used. Chairperson Simmonds said there is a Slow the Flow meeting in mid-August that she and Mr. Daugs will be attending and will report back to the Board.

Mr. Hardman is impressed with the results of secondary water metering and how the information helps decrease water usage. The governor has asked to see water reductions by 2025 and Cache Valley has not shown any dramatic changes in the use of water. He would like to be able to demonstrate that water is being used wisely.

Hilary Shughart said the Slow the Flow has a Water Check (USU Extension) Program that can help people discover how much water they are using. Chairperson Simmonds will ask about the program at the Slow the Flow meeting.

John Drew said this time of year Providence generates 4 million gallons a day from three wells and most of it goes to watering lawns and gardens, of which, half is City parks, schools and churches. They have identified some parks that are over-watered and have begun metering and collecting data to determine usage patterns.

Mr. Hardman said with education, people are willing to better manage water use. Mr. Clawson recommended encouragement rather than restriction. Ms. Shughart said municipalities need to become better role models.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.