

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH DAVIS WATER DISTRICT
HELD SEPT. 13, 2023 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE
LOCATED AT 407 WEST 3100 SOUTH, BOUNTIFUL, UTAH**

Trustees Present:

M. Jerry Hawley	Chairman
Ron Mortensen	Trustee
Kathy Thurston	Trustee

Also present:

Jake M. Ferguson	Manager
Tracie James	District Clerk
Greg Smith	Resident
Sage Evans	Resident
Elaine Oaks	Resident

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Hawley at 4:32 p.m., after which he welcomed all those present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Trustee Mortensen moved that the minutes from Aug. 9, 2023, be approved as written. Trustee Thurston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye".

Expenditures Update:

The expense report for August was reviewed. Trustee Thurston moved that the expenses for August be ratified and approved. Trustee Mortensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye".

Update on the results of the primary election for the open position on the District Board of Trustees:

Mr. Ferguson reported the unofficial results of the primary election. The results are as follows:

Melvin Jerry Hawley-847
Elaine Oaks-536
Greg Frazier-245

The County will provide the official report and the Board will hold a special meeting of the Board of Canvassers to canvass and certify the final primary election results on September 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Consider allowing one of the District's water operator's wives to be the District's part-time meter reader:

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District's meter reader, Rose Jensen, has quit and terminated employment with the District. JayDee Watt, a District water operator, has informed Mr. Ferguson that his wife would be interested in filling the position of meter reader. This is a very difficult position for the District to fill. Due to the District's nepotism policy, the Board of Trustees must approve any family member of current employees to be hired by the District. JayDee would not be the direct supervisor of the meter reader. After some discussion, Trustee Thurston motioned that the District allow JayDee's wife to hire on as the District's meter reader. Trustee Mortensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye".

Consider a preliminary look into providing untreated spring water to the community via Enoch Spring:

Mr. Ferguson proposed the idea of allowing the public to have access to pretreated spring water from the Enoch Spring collection site, which is located on a steep, narrow road named Indian Springs Road in Bountiful. Mr. Ferguson stated that the public has expressed much interest in having access to pretreated spring water in the area. Mr. Ferguson had a discussion with Bountiful City and it was concluded that the access point for this water would need to be at a more accessible location for the public. The site proposed by Bountiful City is their 400 E. pump station which is located roughly 300 feet west of the Enoch Spring collection site. This project would require about 300 feet of pipe to be installed. The District's engineer would need to calculate a cost estimate, but Mr. Ferguson estimated the cost to be around \$40,000. There would be no monetary return on investment for the District. It was suggested that there may be grant money available for this type of project. Trustee Mortensen suggested that the public may donate money for the project if there is enough interest.

Manager's Report:

Update on the Progress of Secondary Metering:

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District has received material for the secondary metering project in the amount of \$357,000 for meter boxes, brass and meters. The District will be responsible for \$107,000 of that and the rest will be paid by the grant money from the State. The restocking fee would cost around \$48,900, with the District's portion of that costing \$14,670. The invoice for these parts is due mid-October and Mr. Ferguson will be submitting the invoice to the State for reimbursement.

Mr. Ferguson reported on the possibility of the District being exempt from secondary water metering by a State mandated Ground Water Management Plan in approximately 5 years. In Mr. Ferguson's opinion, after discussions with the State engineer and her staff, it is very likely the District will be exempt from secondary water metering.

Mr. Ferguson reported that he has been in contact with Senator Todd Weiler and House Representative Ray Ward in efforts to amend Senate Bill 251 to give the State Engineer the authority to exempt areas experiencing a ground water crisis from secondary water metering. Mr. Ferguson has also been in contact with Senator Hinkins to discuss an amendment to Senate Bill 251 to read that secondary water providers with 2,500 or less connections could have the ability to use the grant money for other water conservation related projects, as long as it is determined by the Division of Water Resources that more water would be saved with the alternative than if secondary meters were installed. This would exempt the District since the District only has around 2,000 irrigation connections. Trustee Mortensen suggested that the District set up a meeting as soon as possible with Senator Weiler and Representative Ward to discuss this matter in further detail and to get a bill file opened for the legislative session which convenes in January.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District can terminate the contract with 3XL Construction, Inc. for the secondary meter installation with 7 days written notice.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the high user secondary meter installation contract was awarded to Ormand Construction, Inc. after requesting and opening sealed bids according to the District's procurement policy.

The question was posed as to whether or not the District should order 1500 secondary water meters to have on hand just in case the State does not impose a Ground Water Management Plan and the District ends up having to meter the secondary water connections. After some discussion, it was decided that the District will not order any more meters at this time.

Construction and Maintenance Projects:

Mr. Ferguson reported that the CDBG grant through Davis County will be accepting applications early in 2024 and projects will fund in July of 2024. It is unknown how much money will be available. Mr. Ferguson will have a project prepared to apply for when applications are open.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District has contacted GIS Systems to assist the District in refining and developing the District's GIS mapping system. This will cost around \$5,000.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District has signed a contract with Cla-Val to assist with the maintenance and repair of the pressure reducing valves throughout the District.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the Val Vista and Enoch Spring treatment buildings need the roofs to be replaced. The District hired Rick Bangerter Roofing to perform the roof repairs.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the well pump at the Val Vista #1 well has been installed, but the pump needs to be lowered another 20 feet. An electrical upgrade and a new motor may be required.

Construction on a new District conference room will begin on October 11, 2023. GS Jones Construction has been hired to complete this project.

Sunrise Engineering has created a new map layer on the District's GIS map system which shows each culinary meter and details what the District service line material and the customer side service line material is comprised of. This information is being based on past projects and upgrades of the water lines that have been provided to Sunrise Engineering by Mr. Ferguson. Sunrise Engineering has also created a chart showing the known material of about 500 connections so far.

Mr. Ferguson calculated the District's cash flow through the end of the year. The District will have about \$618,000 cash on hand by the end of September. If the District pays for the irrigation metering material in October, the cash on hand will be about \$294,000 by the end of October, but should be back up to \$421,000 by the end of November. The District should end the year with around \$1,000,000 cash on hand.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the PFAS lawsuit is having a final fairness hearing on Dec. 14, 2023. The District would be required to perform further water testing to determine if there is PFAS in the water and these tests are quite expensive. The cost of testing would be reimbursed to the District from settlement money, but Mr. Ferguson stated that he is concerned with how long it may take for the District to get reimbursed.

Water Outlook:

The reservoirs that provide water to the District are 78% full on average. The District currently has 57% of its water allotment left with Weber Basin and there is only 18% of the season left.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



District Clerk