

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH DAVIS WATER DISTRICT
HELD DEC. 14, 2022 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
Robert Craig	Resident

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Hawley at 6:04 p.m., after which he welcomed all those present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Trustee Mortensen moved that the minutes from Nov. 9, 2022 and Dec. 8, 2022 be approved as written. Trustee Thurston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye".

Expenditures Update:

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

Approve 2023 Annual Meeting Schedule:

The 2023 annual meeting schedule was presented to the Trustees. After reviewing the proposed dates, with December 13, 2023 being scheduled as the budget hearing for 2024, it was moved by Trustee Mortensen that the 2023 meeting schedule be accepted. Trustee Thurston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye".

Public Hearing to Discuss Irrigation Rate Increase and the 2023 Tentative Budget:

Trustee Mortensen motioned to open the public hearing to discuss the irrigation rate increase and the 2023 tentative budget. Trustee Thurston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye". No public comment was made.

Close Public Hearing:

Trustee Thurston motioned to close the public hearing. Trustee Mortensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye".

Consider Adopting Resolution #72-Adoption of the 2023 Tentative Budget as the Final Budget for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

Mr. Ferguson presented the 2023 budget. There were no changes made from the tentative budget to the final budget. As discussed during the tentative budget adoption in the November board meeting, the District will increase the irrigation connection rate by \$59 per connection to help cover the cost of mandatory irrigation water metering which equals a 31% increase in revenue. There is a 9% increase in employee wages (8.7% COLA-same as the Social Security increase, .3% merit increase). Capital expenses will increase 7.7% due to the installation of irrigation water meters. Mr. Ferguson also provided a percentage rate increase comparison per acre chart which will be attached to these minutes at Trustee Mortensen's request.

It was motioned by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Hawley as follows: "Be it resolved that the 2023 budget of the South Davis Water District, along with Resolution #72-Approving the 2023 Budget, a copy of which will be attached, be and hereby is adopted." The motion carried with Trustees Hawley and Thurston voting "aye" and Trustee Mortensen voting "nay". Trustee Mortensen would like it noted that he voted "nay" because the budget includes the initial irrigation water rate increase that is required to pay for installing water meters, which he opposes, on the irrigation lines and because it eliminates the District's ability to fund any capital improvement projects in 2023, other than installing irrigation water meters.

Construction and Maintenance:

Mr. Ferguson reported that the Val Verda well has been repaired and is now working properly. Widdison Turbine believes there is some electrolysis occurring that has damaged the pipe. The District's electrician is going to test for any stray electricity that could be causing electrolysis.

Mr. Ferguson reported that district personnel have repaired 4 different main line breaks. One break was on Holbrook Road where the road collapsed and 3 breaks were on 2600 South. During one of the repairs on 2600 S, a natural gas line was not properly marked by Dominion Energy, therefore, a gas line was damaged. District personnel have insulated 14 customer's meter pits who are known to have their service lines freeze in the winter, nevertheless, personnel have assisted customers in thawing out 8 service lines so far this season, which is a public service the District provides for its customers. Trustee Mortensen expressed strong support for this service and the other Trustees agreed that this is a valuable service for District customers.

Because of the 10% cut in the culinary allotment by Weber Basin for 2022, the District is going to be very close to using the entire allotment, which has not happened in years past.


Water Outlook:

The snowpack is at 158% of normal.

Financial Statement:

There were no questions or concerns regarding the financial statement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


District Clerk