

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH DAVIS WATER DISTRICT  
HELD APR. 12, 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
Curt Kofford	Resident
Gary Davis	Resident

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Hawley at 4:33 p.m., after which he welcomed all those present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Trustee Thurston moved that the minutes from Mar. 8, 2023 be approved as written. Trustee Mortensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Hawley, Mortensen and Thurston voting "aye".

Expenditures Update:

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

Legislative Update by Rachel Anderson of the law office Fabian VanCott:

Mrs. Anderson emailed Mr. Ferguson stating that she needed to reschedule the legislative update to the May board meeting.

Discuss Having Credit Card Transaction Fees Paid For by the Customer Making the Payment. District Staff to Provide Information on Credit Card Transactions:

Mr. Ferguson stated that the District processed 4,300 credit card transactions and paid around \$7,600 in credit card processing fees in 2022. This equates to about \$1.78 per transaction or 3%. ACH (electronic check) transactions cost the District \$.50 cents each. After some discussion, it was decided that this matter will be put on the May 2023 agenda for the Board to vote on. Notice of this matter will be posted on the District's website ASAP in hopes that District residents will provide some feedback before the May 2023 board meeting.

## Manager's Report:

### Update on the Progress of Secondary Metering:

Mr. Ferguson reported that brass fittings for installing the irrigation water meters will not be available until August. Mr. Ferguson spoke with the District's contractor, 3XL, Inc., who is okay with starting the project in August. They estimate that they will still be able to complete the installation of 500 meters this year.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the State Division of Water Rights will be holding a public meeting to discuss new appropriation and ground water policy changes for the Bountiful Sub-Area of the East Shore Area of Southern Davis County at the Bountiful City Council Chambers at 6:30 pm on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Construction and Maintenance:

Mr. Ferguson reported that the irrigation reservoirs have been inspected, including the trunk lines. An old resin repair patch, on Irrigation #3, has a bubble, but the patch is still intact and sealed. This patch will have to be watched carefully and checked again in the future. The Irrigation #3 reservoir is currently being filled with the Odell Springs water. The creek water that runs into the Irrigation #2 reservoir is extremely dirty right now, therefore, the District has not been diverting that water into the reservoir as of yet. The water should clear up quickly due to cooler temperatures and begin to fill reservoir #2 soon. Irrigation reservoirs #2, #3 and #4 should be full and ready for the April 17<sup>th</sup> turn on date. Irrigation reservoir #1 is the only reservoir the District will not be able to fill until the Weber Basin turn on date of April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Ferguson reported that District personnel have been very busy closing drains, replacing master valves and preparing for the irrigation season. Personnel have also been working on building up the berm around the edge of irrigation reservoir #2, as well as building up the height of the spillway with concrete at irrigation reservoir #4.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the 725 W culinary water line replacement project will be starting in a couple of weeks and there is a pre-construction meeting with the District and the contractor, Strong Excavation, tomorrow, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Residents have been notified that this construction will be taking place in their area.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the annual informational irrigation water postcard has been mailed to District residents informing them of the irrigation turn on date of April 17. It notifies residents to have their master valve turned to the closed position and reminds them to still conserve water.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District's financial audit started today and auditors have been in the District office all day. So far, the audit is going well with no problems.

Mr. Ferguson informed the Board that the National Rural Water Association has filed a lawsuit against the manufacturers of PFAS (Polyfluorinated Substances) and PFOS (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances), also known as "Forever Chemicals". The lawsuit would provide funds to treat the substances should it ever be found in the water. Mr. Ferguson would like to know if the Board would like to ask the District's attorney, Rachel Anderson, of the legitimacy of the suit. There are no retainers required to join the lawsuit. A signed contract is required, which states that the law firm filing the lawsuit would receive 25% of any settlement amount awarded should PFAS or PFOS be found in the District's water. The Board would like Mr. Ferguson to move forward with joining the lawsuit if Mrs. Anderson reviews the contract, and gives the go ahead.

Water Outlook:

Mr. Ferguson reported that several reservoirs serving the Ogden and Weber River storage areas are releasing as much water as they can right now in order to prepare for the melting snow pack. Most of this water will go straight to the Great Salt Lake. It is estimated that 281,000-acre feet of water will run through Rockport and Echo reservoirs. The average amount of water that usually runs through those 2 reservoirs is 152,000-acre feet. It is estimated that 70,000-acre feet of water will run through East Canyon Reservoir which is 303% of average. The snow-water equivalent for the State of Utah is well above average at this point. Weber Basin has stated that there will be no water restrictions this year.

Discuss Potential Flooding in the District:

Mr. Ferguson reported that the FEMA flood map does show a possible flood zone in the District near Hooper Draw which is in the area of 3200 South, 3300 South and 3400 South, near 200 West and below. The District purchased 200 empty sandbags, along with a pile of sand, to assist District residents should there be flooding. The District was also able to obtain 100 free filled sandbags. The District is willing and able to help areas in Davis County should they need help in the event of flooding.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

  
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District Clerk