

Ute Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
January 8, 2025

Meeting No. 1,003 of the Ute Water Conservancy District's Board of Directors and the Ute Water Activity Enterprise was called to order by President Greg Green at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.

ROLL CALL

Board Members: Pat Brennan, Newt Burkhalter, Dan Cronk, Robert Foster, Greg Green, Ken Henry, Ben Miller, Bruce Talbott, Troy Waters, and Bob Wilson were present. Briana Board and Sally Huddle attended remotely. Carl Conner and Tammy Eret were absent.

Ute Water employees at the meeting included Justin Bates, Nick Bierman, Sam Briscoe, Larry Clever, Gary Coup, Tanner DeGuire, John Eklund, Jamie George, Ben Hoffman, Joe Isley, Brian Ivy, Jesse Klingler, Dusty Kriegshauser, Andrea Lopez, Jeremy Lyon, Tim Moore, Brian Ogan-Wood, Scott Olsen, Pat Orient, Dave Payne, Dave Priske, Rick Stengel, and Greg Williams. Brett Murphy attended remotely. Ute Water's general counsel, Chris Geiger, was also in attendance.

Guests in attendance included Bohannan Huston Senior Vice President Craig Hoover.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Henry to approve the December board meeting minutes, No. 1,002. Treasurer Wilson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the December board meeting minutes.

BILLS

A motion was made by Director Burkhalter to approve the December bills. The motion to approve the bills was seconded by Director Cronk. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the December bills.

Director Foster asked Assistant Manager Dave Payne how the District settled on contributing \$60,000 to the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Payne explained that the contribution was to support the Bureau of Reclamation's upgrade of the Molina penstock operations with the installation of an automated and actuated flow-control valve on the main penstock above the Upper Molina facility. The data will be measured in daily time steps and will benefit the District by providing a metered flow rate on the Molina tailrace supply.

DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

General Manager Larry Clever proposed that the public notices be posted at the front entrance of the Ute Water office building at 2190 H ¼ Road in Grand Junction, Colorado, and on the District's website, utewater.org/public-notice. Director Foster made a motion to accept the designated locations for public notice posting. Director Burkhalter seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the motion.

RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISIONS

Assistant Manager Greg Williams presented several proposed revisions to the District's Rules & Regulations. The proposed revisions are designed to clarify specific provisions, incorporate changes and updates to out-of-date provisions, and address topics that are currently not considered. The proposed revisions include credit for existing meters, master meter fee requirements, mixed-use development metering, incorporating the same requirements for multi-family residential master metering into the agricultural service provisions, amending and restating the agreement with the City of Fruita adopted by the District in June 2023, updating wet tap fees, and updating the charge to change billing responsibilities.

The Joint Water & Construction and Rules & Regulations Committee unanimously recommended that the board approve the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations, effective January 9, 2025. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Wilson to approve the Executive Committee minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Director Foster. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Executive Committee minutes.

President Green presented the Executive Committee's tentative plans for hiring General Manager Larry Clever's successor. President Green explained that an application package will be presented to the Board of Directors at the regularly scheduled February board meeting. The application process will be open to internal employees, and applications will be submitted directly to the General Counsel. President Green said the Executive Committee would like to present a hiring recommendation to the Board of Directors in April.

JOINT WATER & CONSTRUCTION AND RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Director Brennan moved to approve the Joint Water & Construction and Rules & Regulations Committee minutes, which were seconded by Director Foster. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Joint Water & Construction and Rules & Regulations Committee minutes.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT

No additional questions were asked of the Engineering department.

DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Distribution Superintendent Tim Moore informed the board that on New Year's Eve, the District experienced a leak on a six-inch waterline that crosses under a wash on 20 Road south of M Road. According to Mr. Moore, the leak is approximately 12 feet below the bottom of the wash. Therefore, the District will need to hire a contractor to rebore approximately 200 feet, costing an estimated \$30,000.

Director Waters shared his appreciation and admiration for the Distribution Maintenance crew members who responded quickly, efficiently, and professionally to the leak. Mr. Moore thanked Director Waters for providing the responding crew hot coffee on a cold night. President Green

asked Mr. Moore to share the board's appreciation of the crew responding to waterline leaks, especially on a holiday weekend.

TREATMENT & SOURCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Manager Dave Payne informed the board that the Bureau of Reclamation is still shutting down the Molina Power Plant after experiencing some issues resuming operations after their annual maintenance. According to Mr. Payne, the District should anticipate a drop in the Jerry Creek Reservoirs due to this change in operations at the Molina Power Plant. Mr. Payne also updated the board on the joint efforts between the District, City of Grand Junction, Clifton Water District, and Colorado Mesa University's Physical and Environmental Sciences Department and the exploration of using the techniques utilized during their research (eDNA sampling and gene sequencing used in the Limelight Rainforest Project) for sampling the Colorado River for zebra and quagga mussel veliger and DNA.

Mr. Payne also updated the board on the Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center (Water Center) status at Colorado Mesa University. Historically, the District has fiscally supported the Water Center and serves on an advisory committee. According to Andy Mueller, General Manager of the Colorado River District, the Water Center plans to apply for a \$300,000 community assistance grant through the Colorado River District. Colorado Mesa University has agreed to match the funding if the Water Center receives the grant. Additionally, both Colorado Mesa University and the Water Center will share co-administrators for the Water Center for the next three years while they search for the Water Center's next Executive Director.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Finance Director Scott Olsen provided some highlights from the end of the year, including the District selling 505 water taps in 2024. Mr. Olsen also briefly presented the District's Estimated Operating Surplus/Deficit financial statement included with the monthly bills.

Mr. Olsen reminded the board that the Finance Committee will meet on January 14th.

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Human Resources/Risk Manager Jamie George presented the District employees' accomplishments and years of service that were celebrated in 2024. Mrs. George also announced that the District had made a verbal offer to a candidate for the External Affairs Assistant/Coordinator. Because of the candidate's education and experience, they were offered the position at the Coordinator level and are scheduled to begin employment on January 20th.

Mrs. George provided the board with an update on the District's meeting with Mountain West Insurance and the District's 2025 insurance renewals for property, general liability, auto, and workers' compensation.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

No additional questions were asked of the External Affairs department.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Clever provided an update on Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Lake Powell is 35.34 percent full, and Lake Mead is 33.76 percent full.

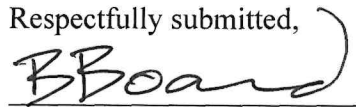
GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Chris Geiger, General Counsel, updated the board on the Fontanari matters.

GENERAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

President Green adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "BBoard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Briana Board, Secretary