

**WEBER-BOX ELDER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TIME & PLACE**      Tuesday, September 13, 2022 the Board of Trustees of the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District convened in a regular monthly meeting. This meeting was held in the district office at 471 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ogden, Utah at 3:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**            **Board members in attendance:**

David S. Humphreys (Chairman)  
Paul W. Nelson (Vice Chairman)  
David R. Hall  
James Hill  
Marci Doolan

**Staff members in attendance:**

Benjamin D. Quick (General Manager/Treasurer)  
Tamera Martinson (Office Manager/Secretary Clerk)

**Others in attendance:**

Mark Hodson (President, Ogden River Water Users' Association)  
Joseph Bauman (Chairman, South Ogden Conservation District)  
Marcus Keller (Vice President, Zions Public Finance, Inc.)

**MINUTES**            The minutes of August 9, 2022 were approved upon the motion of Paul Nelson and seconded by Marci Doolan. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill and Marci Doolan passed the motion with an affirmative vote.

**WATER**                A report on the water situation was given by Benjamin Quick. Precipitation for August was 1.25 inches and there was no precipitation month-to-date. The Ogden River Water Users' Association had 29,766      acre feet of water in the reservoir at the end of August.

**RESOLUTION 09-2022-B**

**Weber-Box Elder Conservation District Water Conservation & Management Plan**

A resolution to adopt the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District's Water Conservation & Management Plan was presented to the Board. David Hall made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by James Hill. The motion was approved with David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill and Marci Doolan voting in the affirmative.

## **RESOLUTION 09-2022-C**

### **Guidelines Prohibiting Irrigation of Landscapes between the hours of 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.**

Resolution 09-2022-C was presented to the Board. Paul Nelson motioned to adopt Resolution 09-2022-C. The motion was seconded by James Hill. The motion was approved with David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill and Marci Doolan voting in the affirmative.

## **RESOLUTION 09-2022-A**

### **Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$4,000,000 aggregate principal amount of water revenue bonds**

Resolution 09-2022-A for the water revenue bonds was discussed. James Hill made a motion to adopt the Resolution 09-2022-A authorizing the water revenue bonds. The motion was seconded by Paul Nelson. The motion was approved with David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill and Marci Doolan voting in the affirmative.

## **PETITIONS**

There were two petitions for inclusion presented to the Board. After Board discussion, a motion was made by David Hall to include the petitions (3561-3562) into the district. The motion was seconded by Paul Nelson. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill and Marci Doolan passed the motion with an affirmative vote.

## **SECONDARY METERS**

(Background)

In September of 2016 the Board passed a resolution requiring all new developments to be included into the district to have a secondary water meter. As a result, each new inclusion was required to purchase a meter for each parcel. In addition, the district would install meters on all new line replacements.

In February of 2022, the Utah State Legislature passed H.B. 242 ‘Secondary Water Metering’ requiring all secondary water connections to have a water meter installed by January 1, 2030. Penalties would be assessed to a district if they were not fully metered and could be detrimental to a district if the deadline is not met.

(Discussion)

A discussion was held regarding the property owners that were required to purchase their secondary water meter in order to receive a connection. Due to the new legislation requiring secondary water meters on all secondary water connections, the district will need to receive water revenue bonds in order to accomplish this task. This will require a significant amount of money that will need to be collected through water assessments. In addition to the metering expense, water assessments will need to increase due to inordinate inflation.

After Board discussion, it was agreed that it would be too burdensome to distinguish the properties that had previously paid for their water meters from those who have not. Developing a pay structure to accommodate assessment increases for the two different parties would unnecessarily complicate the water fee schedule. The district's expenses are going up as a whole which will require water fee increases for every connection as a collective expense.

The Board tasked the General Manager, Benjamin Quick, with contacting the District's legal representatives and to report back to the Board at the subsequent board meeting.

## **METER SELECTION**

Benjamin Quick discussed the secondary water meters that are available to the district. He discussed the costs, benefits, and weaknesses of the different meters. After the presentation, the Board gave Benjamin Quick their approval to move forward with the purchasing of the Metron-Farnier meters.

## **COMMENTS**

Tamera Martinson informed the Board that the district will need to amend the 2022 Final Budget for additional capital expenditures required for the purchase and installation of the secondary water meters. She passed out a letter of intent informing them that a 'Resolution to amend the 2022 Final Budget' will be presented in the October's board meeting.

In addition, the employment changes that have recently occurred in the district were discussed.

## **BILLS**

The attached certified list of bills for August/September were presented for approval upon the motion of James Hill. The motion was seconded by David Hall. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall and James Hill passed the motion with an affirmative vote. Marci Doolan was excused from the meeting.

## **ADJOURNED**

Having no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. with a motion from Paul Nelson. The motion was seconded by James Hill and unanimously passed by those present.

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Tamera Martinson, Secretary-Clerk

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David S. Humphreys  
Chairman

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Benjamin Quick  
General Manager