



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- TIME & PLACE**      Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees of the South Ogden Conservation District convened in a regular monthly meeting. This meeting was held at the district’s office located at 471 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ogden, Utah.
- ROLL CALL**            **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Joseph J. Bauman (Chairman)  
Brad Wheeler (Trustee)  
Sam Hood (Trustee)
- STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Jeff Humphrey (General Manager/Treasurer)  
Tamera Martinson (Office Manager/Secretary Clerk)
- OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Mark Hodson (President, Ogden River Water Users’ Association)  
David Humphreys (Chairman, Weber-Box Elder Conservation District)  
Sallee Orr (South Ogden City Council)  
Rick Orr  
Braxton Wheeler
- MINUTES**              Brad Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- WATER**                A report on the water situation was given by Jeff Humphrey. Precipitation for November was .96 inches and 4.04 inches month-to-date. The Ogden River Water Users’ Association had 41,740 acre feet of water at the end of November.
- SCHEDULE**            The schedule of the meetings of the Board of Trustees for 2024 was discussed. A motion was made by Sam Hood to accept the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Brad Wheeler. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- AUDITORS**            A discussion was held regarding the 2023 Audit. Brad Wheeler made a motion to retain Christensen, Palmer and Ambrose, CPAs to perform the 2023 Audit. The motion was seconded by Sam Hood and unanimously passed.

**MANAGER'S  
REPORT**

Jeff Humphrey informed the Board that he hired an Engineer (PE). This individual has a great resume and will be a great asset to the company. He also informed them that he is working on updating the Employee Policies Manual.

In addition, he discussed a pending lawsuit that has been filed against the Utah Department of Natural Resources; Utah Division of Water Rights; and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for allowing Irrigation Companies to store water upstream from the Great Salt Lake.

Mr. Humphrey gave the Board a construction update and informed them of the status on the grant applications for the district.

The legal representation for the District was also discussed. Management will no longer be utilizing Michael Houtz as the Legal Advisor for the district.

**BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Joseph Bauman informed the Board of a notice that he received from the Utah State Auditor's Office preparing the district on the items that will need to be completed before the end of the year in order to keep the district in compliance. He asked the board members to update their contact information with management in order to get the information posted on the Utah Public Notice Website.

A reminder was given regarding the district's Christmas party.

**BILLS**

The attached list of bills for November/December was approved for payment upon the motion of Sam Hood and the motion was seconded by Brad Wheeler. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

**OPEN PUBLIC**

A motion was made by Brad Wheeler to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Sam Hood seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.

**(6:00 P.M.)**

**PUBLIC HEARING** The notice of the public hearing to consider the Mill Levy increase and to approve the 2024 Final Budget was read by the Secretary, Tamera Martinson.

**MILL LEVY**

A proposed increase to the mill levy rate for the 2024 water season was discussed. There was also a discussion regarding the need for the increase do to SB 251 – Secondary Water Meters. This bill requires all secondary water connections to have a water meter. The meters will need to be installed by January 1, 2030 or there will be penalties assessed. The district has been awarded grant money from the State of Utah; however, the district has to pay 30% of the project.

- BUDGET** The 2024 Budget was presented and discussed.
- PUBLIC** The Chairman, Joseph Bauman allowed time for public comments.
- CLOSE** After the discussions were held regarding the proposed mill levy increase (9%) and the 2024 Budget, Brad Wheeler made a motion to close the public hearing and re-open the regular board meeting. The motion was seconded by Sam Hood. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- MILL LEVY** A motion was made by Brad Wheeler to increase the mill levy from 422 to 460 for an increase of 9%. The motion was seconded by Joseph Bauman. Sam Hood opposed the motion. The motion was passed with Joseph Bauman and Brad Wheeler voting in the affirmative.
- 2024 BUDGET** Brad Wheeler made a motion to adopt the 2024 Final Budget. The motion was seconded by Sam Hood. The motion was approved with Joseph Bauman, Brad Wheeler and Sam Hood voting in the affirmative.
- ADJOURNMENT** Having no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion from Brad Wheeler. The motion was seconded by Sam Hood and unanimously passed.

Submitted by:

/Tamera Martinson/, Secretary-Clerk