



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TIME & PLACE The Board of Directors of the Ogden River Water Users' Association (ORWUA) convened in a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the association office at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah.

ROLL CALL **DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:**
Mark G. Hodson (President)
David S. Humphreys (1st Vice President)
William G. Holt (2nd Vice President)
Paul W. Nelson
Joseph Bauman
Brady Herd
James Hill
Marvin Farrell

ABSENT: Mike Humphreys

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Jeff Humphrey (General Manager)
Tamera Martinson (Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Eric Peterson (Bureau of Reclamation)

CONDUCTING 1st Vice President David Humphreys conducted the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

MINUTES Director Paul Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director James Hill and unanimously passed.

WATER REPORT Jeff Humphrey gave a report on the water situation.

Precipitation & Snowpack:

- December precipitation at the dam: 2.75 inches, with 4.8 inches of snow
- December temperatures were warm; no snowpack remained by December 31
- January to date: 3.38 inches of precipitation and 3 inches of snow
- Ogden drainage snowpack: 68 normal
- Precipitation: 108% of normal
- Soil moisture remains high at 118%.

Reservoir Status:

- Elevation: 4,682.9 feet
- Storage: 65,900 acre-feet (60% full)
- Same date in 2025: 71% full (78,570 acre-feet)
- Reservoir levels currently exceed those of the 2022 dry year due to early shutoff decisions.

Allocations & Inflows:

- ORWUA's allocation remains at 22,016 acre-feet.
- All inflow currently attributed to natural flow.
- Weber Basin increased allocation from 38,912 (59%) to 41,445 acre-feet (63%)
- No releases from the dam other than minimal fish flow
- Average inflow during December was approximately 244 CFS.
- Any flow above 200 CFS is credited to ORWUA.

POWER WATER**Discussion:**

- Weber Basin has been purchasing all available power water for November and December.
- Projections indicate that without additional snowpack, neither ORWUA nor Weber Basin will fill their full allocations.
- ORWUA holds first right to purchase power water.
- Purchasing power water now would help mitigate potential shortages later in the season.
- If excess water is later realized, Weber Basin may reimburse purchased volumes.

Action:

- Motion: Director Joseph Bauman made a motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase power water at his discretion
- Second: Director Marvin Farell seconded the motion
- Vote: Unanimous approval to authorization General Manager to purchase power water at his discretion

**MANAGER'S
REPORT**

Jeff Humphrey gave the manager's report. He discussed the following topics:

Operations & Maintenance Updates

- Crews have been able to complete annual maintenance earlier than usual due to mild weather.
- Canal maintenance included experimental use of powdered laundry detergent on concrete-lined canals to control moss growth.
 - Initial testing showed positive results.
 - No phosphates are present in the detergent used.

- South Equalizing Reservoir mechanical tour findings have been addressed and submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation.
- Master planning has begun with **Keller Associates**, funded through a Bureau of Reclamation grant sponsored by ORWUA.
- **SCADA grant work** continues; programming underway with installations pending favorable weather.

Inspections & Safety

- Bowen & Collins completed inspections of the dam and surge tank.
- Metal fragments were discovered inside the surge tank; pieces were removed and further inspection is ongoing to determine origin.
- A small earthquake occurred recently; immediate and follow-up inspections confirmed:
 - No structural damage
 - Ground motion is well below Bureau of Reclamation reporting thresholds.
- Bureau of Reclamation acknowledged inspection compliance.

Standards & Specifications

- Kickoff meeting scheduled to begin development of uniform standards and specifications for:
 - Ogden River Water Users' Association
 - South Ogden Conservation District
 - Weber-Box Elder Conservation District
- Bowen and Collins will assist with the effort.

Legislative Update

Key bills and topics discussed:

- HB 155 – Water Rate Amendments (block rates)
- Water Loss Study – potential expanded source metering requirements
- Aquifer Replenishment Legislation
- Homestead Water Rights Protection
- Water Easement Amendments affecting abandoned canal companies.
- UWIF Program – no fee updates yet
- Floating Solar Reservoir Proposal – significant concerns raised; little support shown by committee.

Board members were advised to remain attentive to legislation that would affect the association.

OTHER

A reminder was given about the upcoming Utah Water Users Workshop which will be held on March 16th – 18th in Saint George, Utah.

The State of Utah Department of Natural Resources will be holding the meeting regarding the Ogden River Distribution System on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the association office at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah.

BILLS

The attached certified list of bills for the Ogden River Water Users' Association for December/January was approved for payment upon a motion by Director Joseph Bauman. The motion was seconded by Director Brady Herd and unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with a motion from Director Marvin Farrell. The motion was seconded by Director William Holt and unanimously passed.

Submitted by:

/Tamera Martinson/, Secretary-Treasurer