



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TIME & PLACE	Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 3:05 p.m. 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 nd Street, Ogden, Utah.
ROLL CALL	BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: David S. Humphreys (Chairman) Paul W. Nelson (Vice Chairman) David R. Hall James Hill Randy Weston 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) Joseph Bauman (Chairman, South Ogden Conservation District) Rex Carpenter (AE2S Engineering) Colton Bryan (Westates) Travis Taylor (Westates) Robert Defries Shayne Merrill
MINUTES	The minutes of August 11, 2026, were approved upon the motion from David Hall and seconded by Randy Weston. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill, and Randy Weston passed the motion with an affirmative vote.
WATER	Jeff Humphrey gave a report on the water situation. Precipitation for August was 2.91 inches, and there was .17 inches month-to-date. The Ogden River Water Users' Association had an allotment of 18,976-acre feet of water at the end of August. Jeff also reported releasing approximately 12,000 acre-feet during the recent 15-day period to reach the target elevation for the Ogden City Pipeline's project. Because overnight demand depleted the regulating reservoirs, the South Ogden and Weber-Box Elder Conservation Districts will discontinue pressurized irrigation deliveries. Water can continue to be delivered through the Pioneer system, the dam tailrace, and the river while flows remain above approximately 50 cubic feet per second.

PETITIONS

Petitions for Inclusion 3686-3692 (see attached) were presented to the Board.

After board discussion, James Hill made a motion to allow the inclusions into the district provided that the required water is turned over to the district. Randy Weston seconded the motion. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill, and Randy Weston passed the motion with an affirmative vote.

Petition for Exclusion 1143 was presented to the Board.

After Board discussion, Paul Nelson made a motion to exclude the property (Parcel #03-034-0024, Bingham) from the district. Randy Weston seconded the motion. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill, and Randy Weston passed the motion with an affirmative vote.

CONSTRUCTION

Jeff Humphrey presented the construction update.

- The railroad crossing project remains in the Rail Pros approval process. A signal wire must be located before boring can begin. Construction is anticipated to begin in October. In addition, the district has a contractor scheduled to begin work on 42 service connections.
- Secondary meter installation progress included 463 of 794 connections completed in Unit A- North and 756 of 1,041 in Unit A - South. In addition, the district has a contractor ready to begin work on 68 service separations.
- Bridge Construction has resolved more than 95% of previously skipped meter connections and will begin installations and service separations, with project completion anticipated by mid-October.
- WBECD currently has 15,517 meters installed and connected to the portal. Some Sensus meter antennas still need to be replaced for portal connectivity.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Humphrey presented the General Manager's Report.

- **Ogden City Pipeline:** The target reservoir elevation was reached early, resulting in an early secondary water shutdown.
- **Asset Management:** Staff are evaluating alternatives to Cityworks before moving forward with the Unity platform.
- **Master Plan:** remains on schedule for completion in early 2027. Keller Associates is currently developing WBECD capital improvement projects. The completed water model is already assisting with system improvements, including proper placement of PRVs.
- **Unit A Reservoir:** Continued liner issues were reported, and future concrete replacement may be necessary.

- **Standards and Specifications:** Finalized and currently being used for new development; final documents are pending delivery.
- **Inmate Program:** The Weber County inmate program continues to assist with maintenance projects, reducing reliance on temporary labor.
- **Maintenance:** The early shutdown will allow fall projects to begin ahead of schedule. Meter staff will transition to Maintenance as meter funding concludes.
- **Perry Reservoir:** The CIB funding request was not advanced. Alternative funding options are being explored.
- **UASD Conference:** Board members were reminded of the November conference and training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert DeFries, Farr West resident, requested records regarding water pumped through the Western Irrigation pump station and questioned over-allotment enforcement while meter installations remain incomplete. He was instructed to submit a written GRAMA request. Management clarified that over-allotment penalties are not being enforced during the current transition period.

Shayne Merrill, Farr West resident, discussed previous meter-account issues and questioned assessments when the water season ends early. Management explained that assessments cover ongoing system costs and that water delivery is dependent upon available supply and operating conditions.

Discussion followed regarding meter enforcement, water allocations, operating costs, and the early system shutdown. Management explained that high demand and the required Pineview Reservoir drawdown for the Ogden City pipeline project resulted in earlier-than-anticipated closures. The Board stated that the district works to provide water for as long as available supplies allow.

BILLS

The attached certified list of bills for August/September was presented for approval upon the motion of James Hill. Paul Nelson seconded the motion. David Humphreys, Paul Nelson, David Hall, James Hill, and Randy Weston passed the motion with an affirmative vote.

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 Randy Weston and unanimously passed by those in attendance.

Submitted by:

/Tamera Martinson/, Secretary-Clerk