

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH DAVIS WATER DISTRICT HELD MAY 8, 2024 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 407 WEST 3100 SOUTH, BOUNTIFUL, UTAH

Trustees Present:

Ronald Mortensen	Chairman
Kathy Thurston	Trustee
Elaine Oaks	Trustee

Also present:

Jake Ferguson	Manager
Tracie James	District Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mortensen at 4:30 p.m., after which he welcomed all those present.

Public Comment Period:

There was no public present.

Board Member Reports:

Trustee Mortensen reported that he and Mr. Ferguson met with an individual who has been collecting information regarding fluoride in the water.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Trustee Thurston moved that the meeting minutes from April 17, 2024 be approved as written. Trustee Oaks seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Mortensen, Thurston and Oaks voting "aye".

Expenditures Update:

The expense report for April was reviewed. Trustee Oaks moved that the expenses for April be ratified and approved. Trustee Thurston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Mortensen, Thurston and Oaks voting "aye".

Discuss New Bills That Could Impact the District:

*HB 11-Water Efficient Landscaping Requirements-restricts the use of overhead spray irrigation by certain governmental entities except for recreational use areas.

*HB 36-Open and Public Meeting Act Amendments-Individuals constituting a quorum of a public body may not act together outside of a meeting in a concerted or deliberate way to predetermine an action to be taken by the public body.

*HB 55-Employment Confidentiality Amendments-Makes nondisclosure and non-disparagement clauses related to sexual assault or harassment, as a condition of employment, unenforceable.

*HB 61-Water Measuring and Accounting Amendments-This bill addresses state water reporting and includes using telemetry data as an acceptable form of calculating water use.

*HB 74-Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments-This bill discusses state reimbursement to a utility company if the State is forcing the utility company to move utility lines due to a state project.

*SB 259-Requirements for Districts Providing Services-This bill amends the procedures for a special district board stating that if the special district has an election in conjunction with a municipal election that the special district will follow the same declaration of candidacy dates as the municipality. This bill also modifies the provisions relating to dividing a district, fee collection to add wording that includes electronic forms of payment and explains user fees and taxes associated with annexing an area in to a special district. The bill also changed the wording regarding rate increase notices from "published" to "posted" since rate increase notices are no longer required to be published in a newspaper, but rather are required to be posted on websites and in district boundaries.

*SB 211-General Water Infrastructure Amendments-This bill addresses the creation of the Water District Water Development Council.

*SB 98-Online Data Security and Privacy Amendments-Defines what needs to be done in the event of a data breach. The District doesn't keep any sensitive information about customers on file. This bill does define that all government entities, including the South Davis Water District, will need a .GOV for the website and emails by January 1, 2025.

*37-Election Law Revisions-Clarifies that the Board of Trustees is also to serve as the Board of Canvassers for a special district election. Defines that a candidate must provide an active email address.

*SB 34-URS Revisions-States that participating employers shall be liable to URS for (a) any liability or expense, including administrative expenses or costs of increased benefits to members, resulting from the participating employer's failure to fully comply with the participating employer's reporting, contribution, certification or record keeping requirements under this title; and (b) a penalty, not to exceed 50% of the participating employer's total contributions for the time period of the error.

Manager's Report:

Construction and Maintenance Projects:

Mr. Ferguson reported that there is a large 12" irrigation main line break on 2800 South and Orchard Drive. Parts will need to be welded and a thrust block will need to be installed to complete this repair. Mr. Ferguson stated that this repair will take longer than a standard pipe repair.

Mr. Ferguson reported that bids were received for the 3000 South project, with Ormand Construction winning the bid. The contract will be awarded sometime this week.

The engineers estimate for the 2900 South project has been received. The project is estimated to cost just under \$200,000. This will be put out to bid soon.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District has had 205 blue stake requests in the past month. Most of these requests are from Bountiful City due to Fiber internet being installed and power poles being replaced in the City of Bountiful.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the District has not yet received the results from the PFAS testing that was done last month. The State of Utah has notified Mr. Ferguson that they have found 4 other water systems whose recently rehabilitated wells have also been found to have PFAS in the water. The State will be further investigating this matter.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the current snowpack for the area that serves the District is at 156% of normal.

Mr. Ferguson presented the financial statement to the Board. There were no questions or concerns.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the yearly independent audit of the District is currently ongoing.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.


District Clerk