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The District's purposes include planning for and facilitating the long-term conservation, development, protection, distribution, management, and stabilization of water rights and water supplies for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing, municipal, recreational, and other beneficial uses, including the natural stream environment, in a cost-effective way to meet the needs of the residents and growing population of Cache County.

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CACHE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2025

The Cache Water District Board of Trustees convened for a meeting on January 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Anderson – Logan #3 Council
Jared Clawson – At-Large Position
Jonathan Hardman – South Council District
Kirt Lindley – At-Large Position
Beth Neilson – Southeast Council District
Jeff Ostermiller - Logan #1 Council District
Max Pierce – North Council District
Bret Randall – Northeast Council District
Brett Roper – At Large Position
Jeannie Simmonds – Logan #2 Council District
Regan Wheeler – Agricultural Representative

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD EXCUSED:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nate Daug, Eric Franson, Debbie Zilles

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ACTION: Ms. Simmonds moved to approve tonight's agenda and the December 2, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Clawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved (11-0).

Yea: Anderson, Clawson, Hardman, Lindley, Neilson, Ostermiller, Pierce, Randall, Roper, Simmonds, Wheeler

Nay: None

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

-See [Attachment 1](#)-

Ms. Simmonds said the budget is doing well. She will call Davis & Bott about the high invoice amount for audit services. A higher-level audit was required because of the pass-through funds for the PL-566 projects. She will also request an itemized invoice from Davis & Bott. The Board agreed that for the 2025 audit, bids will be required before a vendor is chosen. I

CALENDAR

- Jan. 8 – Weber River Symposium in Ogden
- Jan. 14 – Utah Watershed Council (virtual tour of projects in southern Utah)
- Jan 23 – Bear River Watershed Council
- Feb. 24-28 – Rural Water Users – St. George (Bret Randall & Max)
- Mar 17-19 – Utah Water Users – St. George (Beth & Jeff may be attending for work, and Jon would like to attend).
- Mar 26-27 – Northern Utah Water Users meeting – Cache Event Center & USU

MANAGER REPORT

PL-566 Updates

Logan River has been submitted to NRCS for review; the draft is anticipated to be ready this fall.

Wellsville/Mendon is finalizing some details, which are anticipated to be submitted to NRCS this spring.

State Funding for Water Studies

The mayors of the northern cities in the valley will meet on Thursday before an RFQ is sent out for the Northern Valley Study. Mr. Daus, Mr. Pierce, and Ms. Neilson will meet with Rep. Snyder later this week to discuss altering some of the study funding funds and whether different projects would be allowed.

Other

Some cloud seeding has been done. The state is committing funds to transfer all sites to remote. The Clarkston weather site will be installed this summer.

The Education Outreach position has been posted on the CWD website.

2025 WATER LEGISLATION

Mr. Daus provided a brief overview of the upcoming 2025 legislation as known so far:

H.B. 41 State Water Policy Amendments – Rep. Carl R. Albrecht - amends the state water policy to reference saved water and promote the quality of groundwater,

monitoring of activities in drinking water watersheds by watershed councils, state water planning and formation of the state water plan, and regionally appropriate water reuse.

H.B. 46 Water Rights Applications Amendments—Rep. Doug Owens will modify provisions related to the probate transfer of personal property by affidavit.

H.B. 45 Irrigation Amendments – Rep. Rex Shipp - if an owner or operator of a ditch or canal fails to exercise reasonable and ordinary care in maintaining the ditch or canal, the owner or operator is liable for damage to property or injury to others directly caused by the failure to exercise care in maintaining the ditch or canals, the owner or operator is liable for damage to property or injury to others directly caused by the failure to exercise reasonable and ordinary care. For a ditch or canal located within a municipality, if a person other than the owner or operator of a ditch or canal is held to be liable for damage to property or injury to others related to a ditch or canal, the person may recover the amount for which the person is held liable that is directly caused by the failure of the owner or operator to exercise reasonable and ordinary care concerning maintaining the ditch or canal.

H.B. 328 Water Usage Amendments – Rep. Doug Owens will regulate overhead spray irrigation in new or remodeled commercial, industrial, governmental, and governmental. An owner of a specified land who may undertake new development or redevelopment of specified land on or after January 1, 2026, may not install, maintain, or use overhead spray irrigation in a landscaped area of specified land unless the landscaped area is an outdoor activity area or undisturbed areas; shall install, maintain, or use overhead spray irrigation to irrigate the following within an outdoor activity or undisturbed area:

-Park Strip

-Area with a width of less than 8’.

-An area that is a planting bed or included within a planted bed or outdoor activity area is larger than reasonably required, and the anticipated area is intended to accommodate.

This does not prohibit an owner from using a reasonable amount of water to pray a landscaped area for non-irrigation purposes, such as dust control for a specific event in the landscaped area.

Modification to HB 453: The Division of Forestry, Fire, & State Lands (FFSL) is working on potential clean-up modifications to the statutory language in HB 453, specifically addressing berm management, voluntary agreement date, and other minor clean-ups. FFSL will collaborate with attorneys to compile recommended changes for presentation to the GSL Commissioners before the legislative session.

- **Water Conservation and Irrigation**: The Division of Water Resources is working with Rep. Owens on initiatives focusing on water conservation, particularly concerning the use of overhead spray irrigation or similar methods. WRe is examining conservation standards for drinking water and may propose these to Representative Owens.

- **Limit the amount of water needed for each unit of growth**: The Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner will work with the Division of Water Resources, the Division of

Drinking Water, the Division of Water Rights, districts, cities, and counties as well as the development community to establish a conservation standard for new development in the Great Salt Lake Basin. This could limit exactions for new water and lower the costs of new development. It will also enable existing water resources to be stretched for both growth and the Great Salt Lake.

- Changes to Procurement Law for Water Leasing: Modify procurement law to facilitate water leasing for the Great Salt Lake by the Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner.
- Tax credit for water donated to the Great Salt Lake: Similar to conservation easements, explore creating a tax credit for water donated to the lake.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

-Attachment 1-

Jan - Nov 24	Budget	% of Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Cache County	1,662.84		
Cache County Property Taxes	338,140.29	298,598.00	113.2%
Cloud Seeding	0.00	28,000.00	0.0%
PL-566 Watershed Grant NRCS	252,586.25	1,000,000.00	25.3%
Restricted Income			
Northern Utah Water Conference	2,000.00		
Restricted Income - Other	117,855.39		
Total Restricted Income	119,855.39		
Trapper Park Study	346,383.33	2,000,000.00	17.3%
Wellsville Mendon Study NRCS	338,679.39		
Total Income	1,397,307.49	3,326,598.00	42.0%
Gross Profit	1,397,307.49	3,326,598.00	42.0%
Expense			
Operations			
Insurance and Bonding	868.91	5,000.00	17.4%
Office Supplies	1,416.22	2,000.00	70.8%
Publications	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Rent	1,350.00	6,000.00	22.5%
Technology			
Cell Phone	375.31	2,500.00	15.0%
Computer and printer	327.64	2,000.00	16.4%
Total Technology	702.95	4,500.00	15.6%
Vehicle			
Fuel	0.00	3,500.00	0.0%
Vehicle - Other	0.00	50,000.00	0.0%
Total Vehicle	0.00	53,500.00	0.0%
Total Operations	4,338.08	74,000.00	5.9%
Outreach			
Conservation	10,000.00	30,000.00	33.3%
Dues	1,296.00	2,500.00	51.8%
Northern Utah Water Conference	3,952.36		
Sponsorships	200.00	2,500.00	8.0%
Training	2,375.72	5,000.00	47.5%
Website	643.30	2,000.00	
Total Outreach	18,467.38	42,000.00	32.2% 44.0%
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Personnel			
Administrative	80.00	1,500.00	5.3%
Salary and benefits	123,287.04	190,000.00	64.9%
Travel and Mileage	6,910.72	10,000.00	69.1%
USU Data Project Interns	6,643.00		

Total Personnel	136,920.76	201,500.00	68.0%
Professional Fees			
Attorney Services	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%
Audit	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
Financial Services	682.00	5,000.00	13.6%
Total Professional Fees	682.00	27,000.00	2.5%
Project funding			
Bear River Study	35,910.00	75,000.00	47.9%
Cloud Seeding	41,720.00	63,000.00	66.2%
Logan Observatory	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Oaks Project	482.28		
Water Acquisition	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
Water Studies			
PL566 Logan River	254,086.75		
Trapper Park	410,398.06	2,000,000.00	20.5%
Wellsville/Mendon Irrigation	242,506.30	500,000.00	48.5%
Water Studies - Other	0.00	120,000.00	0.0%
Total Water Studies	906,991.11	2,620,000.00	34.6%
Total Project funding	985,103.39	2,783,000.00	35.4%
Total Expense	1,145,511.61	3,127,500.00	36.6%
Net Ordinary Income	251,795.88	199,098.00	126.5%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Transfers from equity	0.00	175,902.00	0.0%
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