WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

1) Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance..... Chair Anderson

2) Oath of Office – Tom Day, Julie Snowball, & Logan Wilde ..... Gen. Mgr. Paxman and Mgr. Searle

3) Consideration of Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting,
Hearing on Petitions for Water Contracts and
Annual Meeting (to form only) held January 29, 2026
and Orientation Meeting held January 26, 2026..... Chair Anderson

4) Consideration of Approval of January 2026 Financial
Report and Consolidated Fee Schedule Update..... Trustee Robinson

5) Consideration of Approval of Preliminary Proposed
FY2027 O&M Budget ..... Gen. Mgr. Paxman and Mgr. Bravo

6) Consideration of Approval of Petitions for Water Contracts,
Transfers of Water, and Cancellations.....Mgr. Searle

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Petitions for Water

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7) Water Supply Report..... Mgr. Olsen

8) Consideration of Approval of the Consultant Selection for the 2026 Culinary Water Master Plan Update ..... Gen. Mgr. Paxman and AGM Nelson

9) Consideration of Approval of Powder Mountain Water Reuse Application ..... Gen. Mgr. Paxman and AGM Parry

10) Construction and Maintenance Department Update ..... Mgr. Sorensen

11) General Manager's Report ..... Gen. Mgr. Paxman

12) Other Business

13) Closed Session: Discussion on Purchase of Water, Possible Litigation, and Property Purchase

14) Consideration of Approval of Item(s) Addressed in Closed Session

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026, 9:00 A.M., AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Present:
Chair Mark D. Anderson
Trustee Tom Day
Trustee Gage Froerer
Trustee Scott K. Jenkins
Trustee Angie Osguthorpe
Trustee Christopher F. Robinson
Trustee Julie Snowball
Trustee Bob Stevenson
Trustee Logan Wilde

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Riley Olsen, Mgr. of Water Supply & Power
Jon Parry, Assistant General Manager
Kendall Searle, Mgr. of Administration
Sam Sorensen, Mgr. of Construction and Maintenance
Kathy Wood, Mgr. of Human Resources

Miranda Menzies, Wolf Creek Water and Sewer District
Rick Smith, Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company

I
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Menzies came to comment regarding the Turf Rebate Program. She thanked AGM Parry for his extensive work on getting this program approved in the Wolf Creek Service Area and thanked the District for their part in funding the rebate program.

II
WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Anderson welcomed all in attendance. He then led the group as they recited the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting.

III
OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW TRUSTEES

Gen. Mgr. Paxman introduced and welcomed the District's new trustees who were recently appointed to the District's Board, which included Trustees Tom Day, Julie Snowball, and Logan Wilde.

Gen. Mgr. Paxman then asked Mgr. Searle to administer the Oath of Office for the new trustees. Mgr. Searle welcomed the trustees to the board and invited them to take the oath of office. Trustees Day, Snowball, and Wilde were sworn in, accepting the following oath:

> *I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Utah, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity; I will not be interested directly in any contract let by said District; I will place the interests of the District ahead of the business or financial interests of any other individual or entity; I make this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and I will honestly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties of my office.*

Chair Anderson welcomed the new trustees to the board.

IV
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Anderson presented the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, Hearing on Petitions, and Annual Meeting (to form only) held January 29, 2026, and minutes of the Orientation Meeting held January 26, 2026, for review and approval. There were no additions or corrections.

Motion was made by Trustee Jenkins, seconded by Trustee Froerer, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote, approving the minutes as presented.

V
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

Trustee Robinson invited Mgr. Bravo to begin the review of the January 2026 financial report. She stated this is the seventh month of the fiscal year so there will not be a quarterly report. Mgr. Bravo reviewed the O&M report in detail and provided explanations for any costs that exceeded its year-to-date (YTD) budgeted amount. She said January is a busy collections month, so we do still have annual payments coming in and adding to the numbers.

Mgr. Bravo then presented the source and use statement. She explained the statement in detail and displayed various slides showing charts and graphs providing additional information on revenue, expenses, and reserves. Mgr. Bravo stated the Weber South Water Treatment Plant Tank was a big expense as well as the ongoing metering project. She ended the report with a graph showing the YTD Actual vs. Fiscal Year Budget and showed the District budget is in good shape. Mgr. Bravo answered questions from the board.

Mgr. Bravo explained the updates to the Consolidated Fee Schedule and shared a slide detailing those changes. Changes to the Consolidated Fee Schedule included the WERC Building rental fees as well as lab testing fees, both increasing and decreasing. Mgr. Bravo stated our lab fees and rental fees are not intended to make money but rather to offset costs.

Chair Anderson acknowledged a motion made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Wilde, and all were in favor of accepting the January 2026 financial report and Consolidated Fee Schedule as presented.

VI
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSED FY2027 O&M BUDGET

Mgr. Bravo reviewed the structure of the District's enterprise fund, then explained the variable and fixed portion of the District's water rates. She said each February we must determine if the water rates are set so they will cover the annual operations and repair and replacement costs.

Mgr. Bravo said the last rate analysis for District 4 and District 5 blocks of water was completed in 2022 and 2023. She said as part of this study the Impact Fee Study and the Capital Improvement Plan were also completed. Mgr. Bravo then reviewed the plan the board adopted as a result of the study which included the water rate increases over 2025 through 2028 to ensure all rates are paying their correct O&M portion and future increases can be in line with inflation. She stated the O&M increase for the 2027 water rates is a 3% increase.

Mgr. Bravo then shared the tentative O&M Budget for FY2027. She stated there is a planned 3.5% increase in operating expenses and a 16.2% increase in the non-operating budget. Mgr. Bravo reviewed each category of revenue. She then reviewed the O&M expenses of FY2027, explaining the total 5.5% increase. Mgr. Bravo stated the large expenses include increased costs of treatment chemicals as well as new software to prepare for the future requirement of consumptive billing.

Chair Anderson acknowledged a motion made by Trustee Snowball, seconded by Trustee Wilde, and all were in favor of accepting the Preliminary Proposed FY2027 O&M Budget.

VII
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF WATER

Mgr. Searle presented transfer document for consideration by the board:

A. DAVIS COUNTY:

1) Cynthia & Denis Hopkinson to Cynthia & Denis Hopkinson ..... 2.0 a.f. Proj Woods Cross (06-014-0038 to 06-013-0108)

Mgr. Searle stated this transfer for consideration is for Woods Cross residents. He said they are requesting a portion of their water be moved to another adjacent parcel they own for agricultural purposes. Mgr. Searle stated this meets District policy then recommended approval and adoption of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to a petition filed by Cynthia & Denis Hopkinson, there has been allocated 8.3 acre-feet of project water to the following described lands in Davis County, Utah, to-wit:

06-014-0038, Cynthia & Denis Hopkinson 8.3 AF proj
BEG ON E LINE OF A CERTAIN STR AT A PT 700.79 FT N OF N LINE OF 10TH NORTH STR, WH PT IS 181.5 FT W & 535.75 FT N OF SE COR OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 13-T2N-R1W, SLM; TH N 0^09'30" E ALG E LINE OF SD STR 190 FT; TH N 89^57' E 451.87 FT; TH S 0^09' W 290 FT; TH S 89^57' W 340 FT; TH N 0^09' W 100 FT; TH S 89^57' W 110 FT, M/L, TO POB. CONT. 2.75 ACRES

And the orders so allocating the said water have been recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Davis County, as indicated on the foregoing property descriptions.

WHEREAS, the owners of the said lands have now made application to the District for the transfer of 2.0 acre-feet of water to be allotted from the lands above described to the following described lands in Davis County, Utah:

06-013-0108, Cynthia & Denis Hopkinson 2.0 AF proj
BEG AT A PT ON THE W LINE OF 800 WEST STR, SD PT BEING N 0^12'23" E 621.46 FT ALG THE MONU LINE OF 800 WEST STR & N 89^54'29" W 33.00 FT FR THE MONU MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF 1000 NORTH & 800 WEST STREETS, SD MONU BEING S 0^02'54" E 197.96 FT ALG THE 1/4 LINE & S 89^50'22" W 214.83 FT ALG THE CENTERLINE OF 1000 NORTH STR FR THE S 1/4 COR OF SEC 13-T2N-R1W, SLB&M; & RUN TH N 89^54'29" W 755.33 FT TO THE E LINE OF THE FORMER D&RGW RR R/W; TH N 08^43'35" E 441.41 FT TO THE BNDRY LINE AGMT E# 2128780; TH ALG SD LINE N 90^00'00" E 497.94 FT TO THE W LINE OF THE HOPKINSON SINGLE LOT SUB; TH ALG THE W & S LINE OF SD SUB THE FOLLOWING COURSES & DISTANCES: S 0^12'23" W 127.00 FT, S 90^00'00" E 192.00 FT TO THE W LINE OF 800 WEST STR; TH S 0^12'23" W 310.52 FT ALG SD LINE TO THE POB. CONT. 6.69 ACRES

Applicant agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the original Petition and Order, which by reference shall be deemed incorporated into the Transfer Order entered hereon.

WHEREAS, after due consideration, it is the determination of the Board of Trustees that it is in the best interest of the District that such application for transfer be approved and granted and that 2.0 acre-feet of water above referred to be transferred as per above described lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and ordered by the Board of Trustees of Weber Basin Water Conservancy District as follows:

1. That the application for transfer of 2.0 acre-feet of water from the lands first above described to lands last above described, be and the same is hereby approved and granted, and the 2.0 acre-feet of water is hereby so transferred.

2. That the Chair of the District is hereby authorized and empowered in the name of the District and on its behalf to execute a formal order granting such application for transfer and so transferring the said water.

3. That the Secretary of the District is directed to cause a fully executed copy of such order to which shall be appended a copy of the application for transfer upon which the order is made to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the county in which the lands to which the water is transferred are located.

Motion was made by Trustee Froerer, seconded by Trustee Day and passed unanimously, approving the transfer of water outlined above and adopting the foregoing resolution.

VIII
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF UNTREATED WATER CONTRACT

Mgr. Searle presented transfer documents for consideration by the board:

A. MORGAN COUNTY:

1) Cottonwood Mutual Water Company.....0.49 a.f. Dist 4
Mountain Green

Mgr. Searle stated this Cottonwood Mutual contract is for indoor water for a new commercial development. He stated it meets our policy requirements and efficiency standards and therefore recommended approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Froerer, seconded by Trustee Day and the motion passed unanimously, approving the untreated water contract with Cottonwood Mutal Water Company and adopting the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District that the Chair and the General Manager of said District be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of said District a water contract with Cottonwood Mutual Water Company, on the terms and conditions contained in the form of agreement presented to and considered at this meeting.

IX
WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Chair Anderson invited Mgr. Olsen to present. Mgr. Olsen presented the following reservoir content data:

RESERVOIR	TOTAL CAPACITY	DISTRICT CAPACITY	ACCRUED TO DIST TO DATE	% OF DIST CAPACITY	HISTORICAL RESERVOIR CONT. AS OF 2/24/25	HISTORICAL RESERVOIR CONT. AS OF 2/26/2024
CAUSEY	7,870	6,870	4,741	69%	4,972	4,486
E CANYON	51,200	20,110	13,641	68	38,770	44,700
ECHO	73,940	6,422	12,756	199	59,080	55,150
LOST CRK	22,510	20,010	10,845	54	13,450	15,720
PINEVIEW	110,150	66,228	42,967	65	84,610	79,320
SMITH-M	8,351	6,560	3,896	59	4,009	3,978
WANSHIP	62,120	60,000	35,110	59	40,520	50,540
WILLARD	247,302	222,273	96,292	43	178,128	196,740
TOTAL	**583,443**	**408,473**	**220,248**	**53%**	**423,539**	**450,634**

Percent of District upstream storage is 67%.

Mgr. Olsen presented slides showing the Ogden River and Weber River storage. He explained most reservoirs are sitting right at the five-year average with some being slightly above and some slightly below. He stated we will see these volumes gradually increase as runoff collects in the reservoirs. Mgr. Olsen explained Willard Bay is significantly lower than the average due to the siphon replacement project. He said that project is now complete and the water level will begin to increase over the next few months.

Mgr. Olsen continued by reviewing overall precipitation. He said the rain is good, but this time of year snow would be preferred. Mgr. Olsen then shared the snowpack sites and a chart of the snow water equivalent. He said we are at 58% of average today so we are not in a great position. He then shared projections of possible snow water equivalent outcomes, stating the most likely outcome would be around 63% of the median peak. Mgr. Olsen said soil moisture is great at 110% of the median which is around 60% total saturation.

Mgr. Olsen then shared a chart of the runoff forecasts and stated this shows a dismal 42% of average for this year. He compared the current forecast with 2018 which was a comparable year with an observed 39% and stated if we continue on the current trend, we will likely end up in a very similar position this year.

Mgr. Olsen gave a quick update on the Great Salt Lake levels. He said the low elevation point this year was 4,191 feet at the end of last September, but the elevation has started to increase little by little. He stated the current elevation is 4,191.9 feet as of February 24.

Mgr. Olsen then reviewed the weather, precipitation, and temperature outlooks for the month to come and said the weather shows equal chances of precipitation and a slightly increased chance of warmer temperatures this next month.

Gen. Mgr. Paxman stated at the next board meeting we will need to discuss a delayed start and possible drought restrictions for the coming irrigation season.

Chair Anderson thanked Mgr. Olsen for his informative report.

X
CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT SELECTION FOR THE 2026 CULINARY WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

AGM Nelson shared the project scope of the 2026 Culinary Water Master Plan Update. He said the last update was completed in 2017 and this update will incorporate system-wide CIP upgrade into the model, adjust and calibrate the model to reflect current operating conditions, incorporate findings from the most recent Supply & Demand Study from 2024, and incorporate member agency demand forecasts. AGM Nelson said the update will also identify capacity needs and operational improvement opportunities, provide prioritized recommendations with cost estimates, and provide interactive user interface with dashboard visualization tools to ensure masterplan utilization.

AGM Nelson stated three engineering consultants submitted bids and Bowen Collins & Associates was selected based on the best proposal. AGM Nelson and Gen. Mgr. Paxman then answered questions from the board.

Motion was made by Trustee Snowball, seconded by Trustee Osguthorpe, and all were in favor, awarding the contract to Bowen Collins & Associates and adopting the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

> BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District that the Chair and the General Manager of said District be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of said District, a professional services contract to Bowen Collins & Associates for a not-to-exceed amount of $250,000.00 for the 2026 Culinary Water Master Plan Update on the terms and conditions contained in the form of agreement presented to and considered at this meeting.

XI
CONSDIERATION OF APPROVAL OF POWDER MOUNTAIN WATER REUSE APPLICATION

Gen. Mgr. Paxman stated this has been in the works for months and it is still not ready, however AGM Parry will give an overview of the Reuse Authorization Policy.

AGM Parry explained the state adopted a Restricted Water Use Policy regarding reuse. He said this triggered the District to reevaluate our reuse policy and we adopted the avenue by which an entity would request reuse.

AGM Parry defined reuse water as treated wastewater put back to work. He said reuse water would be water supplied under a District contract, treated by a publicly owned treatment works (POTW), and must be approved by the Division of Water Quality and the State Engineer.

AGM Parry explained in the state's statute, in order for an entity to put water to reuse, they must be the owner of the water right. He said a contract with the District has language that restricts that reuse for our customers, however there is a process in place that allows the contract holder to get authorization from the District to put water to reuse from their contract. He further explained the District would never relinquish our ownership of water rights, but we would authorize water for reuse so long as they get through the regulatory permitting process.

AGM Parry laid out seven conditions to qualify for a reuse contract including the applicant being a public agency, has a valid District contract, has legal compliance, shows beneficial use, meets water quality standards, shows non-interference, and the required infrastructure is compatible with existing District infrastructure or has an approved upgrade plan.

AGM Parry reviewed what applicants must include in their reuse request including the project description, the measurement plan including tracking and reporting, the return flow plan, and the infrastructure plan.

AGM Parry then outlined how applications will be evaluated. He explained criteria including mission alignment, conservation and efficiency, and highest beneficial use. AGM Parry said mission alignment will look at if the proposal supports the District's mission to conserve and develop water resources responsibly. He said the conservation and efficiency criteria will explore if the proposed reuse will reduce demand on potable water deliveries and lower overall consumptive use. Lastly, AGM Parry explained the beneficial use will be examined and evaluated on prioritizing non-consumptive uses and put reuse water to its highest and most beneficial purpose.

AGM Parry explained the protected period, being the first ten years, were the District cannot cancel the reuse authorization. He said after ten years, the District may cancel reuse authorization if a more beneficial use exists, however there will be a five-year notice period. AGM Parry then stated there will be a reuse water rate assessment on the volume of water authorized for reuse.

AGM Parry stated the District would like to see the most beneficial use of all water contracts and this reuse application process will ideally serve that purpose. He said many of the conservation programs the District engages in work to limit the consumptive uses of our water.

AGM Parry said there is an application in process and we hope to bring it before the board for review next month.

Much discussion continued.

XII
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Gen. Mgr. Paxman invited Mgr. Sorensen to present a department update. Mgr. Sorensen stated much of what his department accomplishes is behind the scenes and he is eager to share.

Mgr. Sorensen reviewed the organization of his department, which includes 19 total personnel.

He stated the skillset and District specific expertise of his Superintendent and Crew Chiefs are a huge asset. He then reviewed the department functions and responsibilities which involve emergency response and repair and replacement of District infrastructure as well as some new construction projects.

Mgr. Sorensen shared many pictures and reviewed many projects completed by the Construction and Maintenance Department and answered questions from the board.

Chair Anderson asked Mgr. Sorensen to please convey the board's thanks and appreciation for the excellent work being accomplished by the Construction and Maintenance Department. He then thanked Mgr. Sorensen for his presentation.

XIII
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Gen. Mgr. Paxman reminded the board of the Water User's Conference in St. George. He directed their attention to a travel information sheet provided for their benefit.

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Gen. Mgr. Paxman said the Customer Agency Meetings will be held March 10, so this is fast approaching. He explained that these meetings give updates on water supply issues and possible restrictions, as well as ongoing conservation efforts and programs and capital projects.

XIV
CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PURCHASE OF WATER, POSSBILE LITIGATION, AND PROPERTY PURCHASE

Motion was made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Snowball and passed unanimously which closed the public meeting and moved into a closed session.

XV
RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Osguthorpe, seconded by Trustee Robinson and it was unanimous which adjourned closed session and returned to the public meeting.

Motion to pursue full acquisition of property was made by Trustee Wilde, seconded by Trustee Robinson, and the vote was unanimous, giving the District staff direction to proceed with property purchase as discussed in closed session.

Motion to enter into the eminent domain process was made by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Froerer and the vote was unanimous, directing District staff to pursue eminent domain of the property as discussed in closed session, and adopting the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

> BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District that the Chair and the General Manager of said District are hereby authorized and empowered, on behalf of said District, to approve authorization for District staff to initiate and proceed with the eminent domain process, consistent with the terms and conditions presented to and considered by the Board during the closed session of this meeting.

XVI
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott W. Paxman, General Manager/ CEO

The Board of Trustees of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, met in public session February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at District headquarters, Layton, Utah. Meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson. On roll call the following members were found to be present:

Present:
Chair Mark D. Anderson
Trustee Tom Day
Trustee Gage Froerer
Trustee Scott K. Jenkins
Trustee Angie Osguthorpe
Trustee Christopher F. Robinson
Trustee Julie Snowball
Trustee Bob Stevenson
Trustee Logan Wilde

Scott W. Paxman, General Manager/CEO

Michael Malmborg, Legal Counsel
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Kathy Wood, Mgr. of Human Resources

Miranda Menzies, Wolf Creek Water and Sewer District
Rick Smith, Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company

Mgr. Searle stated the meeting was being held pursuant to notice to the public, duly published as required by law, for the purpose of permitting all interested persons to show cause why the respective petitions for water contracts of the individuals as set forth in the notice, copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as a part of these minutes, for the allotment of water to lands in Summit and Weber counties, Utah, by the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, should not be granted.

Mgr. Searle reported there have been no written objections filed against the foregoing petitions and asked for any other objections to be presented at this time. No objections were received.

Thereupon the following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITIONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT
OF WATER BY WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, acting pursuant to Section 73-9-19, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, there has been filed in the office of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, the following petitions for water contracts requesting the allotment of Weber Basin water annually, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in said petition:

A. SUMMIT COUNTY:

1) Randy & Shelly Julander Living Trust .....0.25 a.f. Dist 4
3.5 Miles NE of Smith & Morehouse (CD-759-C)

B. WEBER COUNTY:

1) Meritage Homes of Utah Inc..... 18.62 a.f. Other
West Haven (08-029-0106)

2) Meritage Homes of Utah Inc ..... 13.68 a.f. Other
West Haven (08-720-0001 through -0038)

3) Meritage Homes of Utah Inc ..... 6.84 a.f. Other
West Haven (08-721-0001 through -0018)

Whereas after the filing of said petitions, it was determined to hold a public hearing on same in the office of the Board of Trustees of the District, and the General Manager/CEO of the District caused due and proper notice of the holding of such hearing to be posted to the Utah Public Notice Website on February 11, 2026, which notice advised all interested persons of the holding of such hearing and of their right to present objections in writing showing cause why such petitions should not be granted, and

WHEREAS, at the hour and place named in said notice, or at a subsequent meeting adjourned there from, the Board of Trustees of the District has met in public session and has heard all persons desiring to be heard and written or other objections having been presented, and WHEREAS, after due consideration, it is the determination of the Board of Trustees that it is for the best interest of the District that such petitions should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved and Ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, as follows:

Section 1. That it is hereby determined to be in the best interest of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, that such petitions be granted.

Section 2. That said petitions are hereby granted and amounts of water in acre-feet are hereby allotted to the respective petitioners for the lands for which the same is petitioned, all as above set out.

Section 3. That the Chair of the District is hereby authorized and directed in the name of the District and on its behalf to execute formal orders granting said petitions allotting water to lands therein described, upon the terms, at the rates, and payable in the manner as in said petitions set forth and the General Manager/CEO of the District is authorized and directed to attest said order.

Section 4. The General Manager/CEO of the Board of Trustees in its behalf, is directed to cause a fully executed copy of said order, to which shall be attached a copy of the petitions upon which the order is made, to be recorded in the office of the respective County Recorder.

After consideration of the resolution and order, motion was made by Trustee Froerer, seconded by Trustee Day and passed unanimously, approving petitions for water contracts in Summit and Weber counties and adopting the foregoing resolution.

Approved and adopted February 26, 2026.

Mark D. Anderson, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott W. Paxman, General Manager

(SEAL)

MINUTES OF AN ORIENTATION MEETING OF THE WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, 10:00 A.M., AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Present:
Chair Mark D. Anderson
Trustee Tom Day
Trustee Gage Froerer
Trustee Scott K. Jenkins
Trustee Osguthorpe
Trustee Christopher F. Robinson
Trustee Julie Snowball
Trustee Bob Stevenson
Trustee Logan Wilde

Scott W. Paxman, General Manager/CEO

Mike Malmborg, Legal Counsel

Brad Nelson, Assistant General Manager
Jon Parry, Assistant General Manager
Kendall Searle, Administration Manager
Suzy Eppens, Contracts Administrator

I
INTRODUCTION

Chair Anderson welcomed all present, including new Trustees Julie Snowball, Tom Day, and Logan Wilde, and invited Gen. Mgr. Paxman to begin the meeting.

Gen. Mgr. Paxman also welcomed the new board members and stated they will be officially sworn in at the meeting on Thursday. He then invited Legal Counsel Malmborg to provide training for the board members.

II
TRUSTEE TRAINING

Legal Counsel Malmborg explained the training will be a refresher on general trustee training as well as District specific training. The required annual training was reviewed, as well as conflict of interest forms. He provided a list of specific governing sources including sections of the Utah Code specific to all special districts as well as sections specific to water conservancy districts. Legal Counsel Malmborg also shared the District specific policies and procedures found in the Policies and Procedures Manual last updated October 15, 2025.

Legal Counsel Malmborg stated the Board of Trustees of the District is a policy board. He said the Board of Trustees makes the policy, and the General Manager and staff run the daily operations. Then Legal Counsel Malmborg reviewed each section starting with the more general items down to the detailed District policy.

Utah Code

- Section 17B-1, et al – Provisions Applicable to All Special Districts
- Section 17B-2a-10, et al – Provisions Applicable to Water Conservancy Districts

Policies and Procedures Manual – October 15, 2025

- Section 2 – Board of Trustees
- Section 3 – Board Meetings
- Section 4 – District Administration
- Section 7 – Conflicts of Interest
- Section 9.1 – Personnel – Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and General Manger

To conclude the training, Legal Counsel Malmborg reviewed the conflict of interest form and requirement. He then answered questions from the board. Legal Counsel Malmborg encouraged the trustees to review the sections of the State Code and the specific provisions regulating the Board of Trustees within the policy.

III
CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Chair Anderson invited AGM Nelson to review the recently completed and ongoing capital projects of the District.

AGM Nelson began with the Weber West Water Campus. He said Phase 1 includes the planning and design of the project which is being completed by a team of Hazen and Bowen Collins & Associates. AGM Nelson said Phase 2 will include the detail design and construction ready plans with state permitting. He then shared a slide of the current design layout of the site which shows the treatment facility, reuse facility, and the land reserved for future expansion. AGM Nelson shared a milestone schedule which shows 30% Plant Design and Updated Cost Estimate to be complete next month, 90% Conveyance Design by June of 2026, 60% Plant Design and Final Conveyance Design by September 2026, and showed spring of 2027 as the ready for construction time frame. Gen. Mgr. Paxman said this is the biggest project ever done by the District, and it is very important as it will provide drinking water to west Weber County for future growth.

Other capital projects were reviewed including the following:

Davis Aqueduct Reach 1 – Parallel Pipeline

- General Consultant: Brown and Caldwell for $4,453,028.00
- Contractor: Whitaker Construction for $81,977,133.16
- Gateway Tunnel, through Job Corps Campus, and crossings to DNWTP
- 72” Steel Pipeline
- FEMA Grant ~$25M and State of Utah Grant ~$20M
- June 2023 – December 2025

New Bifurcation Structure

- Bifurcation valve vault construction is underway
- To act as the low flow bypass for operations
- Kubota Seismic Joints – first of its kind in Utah
- Ductile Iron Pipe

Crossing Highway 89

- Pipe installation under the freeway was completed over two weekends
- Contractor worked non-stop through the weekend, rotating crews and battling tough weather

Landslide Mitigation – Hill Side Grading

- Resolving construction issues due to extensive rain and snow
- Perceipitation combined with clay and sand layers led to seeping hillside during grading
- Installed soil nail wall due to landslide issues

12th Street Pipeline Replacement Segment 4

- Design: CRS/Horrocks Engineers for $75,610.00
- Construction: Brinkerhoff Excavation for $4,575,610.00
- Main line for deliveries to Little Mountain and surrounding area
- 30” PVC
- September 2024 – June 2025

Little Mountain 4MG Tank

- Design: Sunrise Engineering for $391,900.00
- Construction: ProBuild Construction, Inc. for $10,239,572.00
- August 2024 – June 2026

WSWTP 5MG Water Tank Project

- Design: Bowen Collins & Associates for $896,337.00
- Contractor: ProBuild Inc for $18,551,564.00
- Additional vaults constructed as part of project
- September 2023 – October 2025

4.3MG Tank Replacement at WSWTP

- Sister Tank to 5MG Tank at WSWTP
- Design Team: Bowen Collins & Associates for $981,245.00
- Contractor: Dry Creek Structures for $12,942,420.00
- September 2025 – June 2027

Green Road Wellhouse

- Design: Hansen, Allen, & Luce for $563,656
- Contractor: Corrio Construction $3,990,188.68
- Filter Tech System skid craned into wellhouse
- Three large pressure filters installed
- Built in treatment process for iron and manganese on well site
- Filter Tech System skid craned into wellhouse
- Three large pressure filters installed
- March 2024 – August 2025

South Weber Well #2 Rebuild

- Design: Bowen Collins & Associates for $825,562.00
- Contractor: COP Construction
- 10 c.f.s. or 6M GPD
- Generator for well site to be installed
- Removable wall and roof to replace casing when needed
- April 2024 – March 2026

Willard Canal Phase 10 Lining Project

- Design: Bowen Collins & Associates for $238,095.00
- Contractor: Bowen Collins & Associates for $3,654,750.00
- Once canal is fully complete, up to 2,000 c.f.s.
- This phase is about half way through
- October 2025 – January 2026

AV Watkins Siphon Replacement

- Engineering Team: JUB, RB&G, Barrett Engineering for $1,126,541
- Contractor: Ames Construction for $8,936,840.00
- XM Loan from BOR
- Coffer dam required for project
- WaterSmart Grant from State $4M
- July 2025 – March 2026

Chair Anderson thanked AGM Nelson for his informative presentation and turned the time over to Gen. Mgr. Paxman for a legislative review.

IV
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Gen. Mgr. Paxman said there are too many bills to review in detail, but he intends to highlight the major bills. He reminded the board of the tracking sheet that was sent, and said that it is updated weekly, if not daily. Gen. Mgr. Paxman then reviewed the following bills:

HB 19 – Drinking Water Utilities Amendments. This bill deals with cyber security for community water systems. It requires each community water system to prepare an annual report detailing security measures and submit the annual report to Utah Cyber Center. Additionally, each community water system must report a breach of security within two hours of occurrence to the Cyber Center. The Division of Drinking Water is required to annually report to the Legislature activities dealing with Cyber Security.

HB 69 – Drinking Water Restructuring Amendments. This bill adds another remedy for the Division of Drinking Water when the owner of a water right utilized for the public fails to comply with Clean Water Act Requirements. It can only be granted by a judge in the violation proceeding and then allows the judge to take the water right away from the non-compliant owner and give the water right to someone else who could bring the violation into compliance. The bill

was approved at the request of the Division of Drinking Water. The entities most likely to fit into this category are the smaller community water systems. The most likely to receive the right is a larger community water system. It seems to raise constitutional issues of "a taking" of private property without the requirement of just compensation.

HB 76 S1 – Data Center Water Policy Amendments. The bill requires a large data center to communicate before land use approval with the Division of Water Rights, about a variety of water-use related issues. After the initial report, this becomes an annual requirement. The water provider is required to provide an annual summary report to the Division of Division of Water Rights.

HB 154 – Water Loss Study Amendments. Currently in Senate Rules, and likely not going to pass, which is unfortunate because Rep. Owens has run some great conservation bills that don't seem to get passed. This is a second try for the study of water losses. Significant changes have been made to this approach. The study is now directing the Division of Water Resources to do the study. There is no hidden consultant to hire. The Division is to complete the study and report findings to the Legislature.

HB 161 – Property Tax Modifications. This bill makes it possible to provide residential homeowners with a property tax break by increasing the homeowner's property tax credit above the current capped limit of 45%. The bill needs a constitutional amendment to increase the 45%. Rep. Koford has filed HJR 7 to provide the constitutional amendment needed.

HB 236 – Truth-in-Taxation Amendments. Currently circled in the Senate, so it might not move. This bill requires a public entity that plans to use the Truth-in-Taxation process to advertise and adopt an alternative operating budget to show what the operation of the entity would look like without the Truth-in-Taxation increased revenue. This alternate budget and notice has to start after May 1 and before June 8. It requires two public hearing processes and the adoption of two different operating budgets, one without the increase and one with the increase.

HB 328 – Water Usage Modifications. Gen. Mgr. Paxman said this is a good bill that we recommended. The bill directs municipalities and counties to prohibit use of irrigation overhead spray. The bill also prohibits private landowners from using overhead spray irrigation on non-functional turf. Gen. Mgr. Paxman stated there is some hold up on the definition of non-functional turf, whether we adopt the already established definitions from surrounding states or adopt a different definition, which we do not want to do.

Gen. Mgr. Paxman mentioned that there are several other bills involving the funding of the Great Salt Lake, which means funding water transfers and purchases.

HB 376 – Land Management Funding Amendments. This bill provides funding for land restoration after fires. It creates a Land Institute and provides funding for restoration. Improved land restoration will increase the yields of the watersheds.

HB 410 S1 – Water Leasing Amendments. This bill sets up a new Board (The Great Salt Lake Preservation Board) and appropriates $5,000,000 to the operating and capital budgets of the Board. The Board works with the Great Salt Lake Commissioner to facilitate the leasing of water for the Great Salt Lake. This bill establishes a leasing program, basically developed by the State Engineer for getting water to the Great Salt Lake. The Board may act if a person violates the lease terms, (like using the water without authorization).

HB 473 – Colorado River Authority Amendments. This bill transfers the Colorado River Authority from the agencies reporting directly to the Governor to the Department of Natural Resources. It adds 3 additional authority members, one a voting membership for the east part of the state, and two non-voting members, the State Engineer and a designee of the Executive Director of the Department. The bill makes other changes to complete the transfer to the Department of Natural Resources.

HB 484 – Property Tax Amendments. This is the same language that was removed from SB 97 so that it could pass out of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. It puts a 5% limit on the amount of revenue allowed by the current Truth-in-Taxation process. It also requires voter

approval to exceed this limitation. This could reduce revenue for Districts when the Truth-in-Taxation process would allow more revenue

HB 556 – Special District Board Appointment Amendments. This bill is dead, however worth noting for the future as it may come up in future sessions and would be a detriment to districts. This bill defines terms, requires the appointing authority to designate an ADDITIONAL and alternative board member WHO MUST BE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL in certain circumstances; provides that, if the Board of Trustees for a special district is considering a proposed increased assessment, an alternative board member shall serve on the board with respect to considering and voting upon the proposed increased amount. This helps maintain the number of elected officials needed to be eligible to raise assessments as an appointed board; but, it has an alternate board member with nothing to do until the next budgeting year.

SB 78 Tax Relief Amendments. This is a technical tuneup of the existing property tax relief programs such as renter's credit, homeowners' credit, and veteran's credit.

SB 97 S1 Property Tax Rate Amendments. The Substitute still contains a variety of twists and turns that all reduce revenue from the Truth-in-Taxation process. County surpluses cannot be greater than 25% of current general fund; only 1 residential exemption per household; property tax revenue may not be deposited into a reserve fund for capital improvements; limits Truth-in-Taxation revenue by 5% cap; denies benefit from growth of physical improvements until after all improvements are completed; limits revenue for T-T calculation to the amount of physical growth exceeding 200% of physical improvement; & it pulls interest earned out of the calculation. Each "nit" is designed to reduce available property tax revenue.

SB 198 – Water Project Management Amendment. This bill is dead, but worth noting for the future. This bill creates the Office of Management within the Division of Water Resources for management of state water projects. The Office director would be known as the State Water Management Director. "State Water Project" means any facility that conserves or develops the water resource of the state, contributes to hydroelectrical power resources, or controls floods. Water Augmentation is defined as water development. The Director is to work closely with the state water agent (one and the same person currently) on any projects developed by the agent. The bill does not impower the state to take over management of federal or other local government projects but could if asked by the local government project owner and approved by the Board of Water Resources.

SB 250 – Great Salt Lake Amendments. The bill appropriates $200,000,000 from the WIRA to the Great Salt Lake Restricted Account from which the money may be used to support the Great Salt Lake as authorized and appropriated by the legislature.

Discussion continued regarding the Great Salt Lake issues and the Bear River Project.

V
ADJOURNMENT

Gen. Mgr. Paxman shared a few awards on the Davis Aqueduct Parallel Pipeline Project. The first is from Utah Construction and Design and the other is from Utah Consulting Engineering Companies. Both awards refer to the Outstanding Project in the State.

Gen. Mgr. Paxman stated Senator Curtis visited the District and we had a great meeting and tour. He said it was an encouraging meeting as he's been very supportive of the District and bringing funds back to Utah.

There being no further business for discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Paxman

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