

**Mt. Nebo Water Agency Meeting
September 15, 2014**

Board Members: Chairman Warren Peterson, Goshen Valley, Vice Chairman Gene Shawcroft, Central Utah Water; Richard Davis, Spanish Fork City; Randy Brailsford, Salem City; Larry Ellertson, Utah County (alternate); Danny Throckmorton, Strawberry Highline Canal Company; Rick Moore, Payson City.

Board Alternates: Jamison Thornton, Highline Canal; Soren Christensen, Salem City; Tyler Coon, Goshen Valley.

Technical Committee: Chris Thompson, Spanish Fork City; Chris Hansen CUWCD; Richard Nielson, Utah County.

Staff: Shelley Hendrickson, Steve Clyde, Marcus Faust (via telephone).

Public present: George Jackson, Byron Woodland, David Tuckett, Rebecca Andrus, Garrick Hall.

Chairman Warren Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Richard Davis **moved** to **approve** the minutes of August 18, 2014, with all noted corrections. Randy Brailsford **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget

Rick Moore **moved** to **open** the scheduled Public Hearing for the 2014-15 Budget. Randy Brailsford **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor at 7:37 a.m.

Chairman Peterson invited public comment. There was none.

Rick Moore **moved** to **close** the public hearing. Richard Davis **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor at 7:39 a.m.

Randy Brailsford **moved** to **continue** the budget discussion to the next meeting. Rick Moore **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor. Discussion was held regarding whether or not the public hearing was continued. It was determined that the public hearing was closed and that only the budget discussion amongst the Agency board would continue to the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the schedule for the Agency Board's next meeting. It was determined that it would be held on October 20, 2014, 7:30 a.m. at Salem City. Randy Brailsford asked if the board could come up with a schedule instead of having to decide every meeting when the next meeting would be held. Steve Clyde explained that the bylaws address a quarterly meeting schedule. The board determined that two agenda items for the next meeting would be the budget and to set a quarterly meeting for the fiscal year.

Gene Shawcroft **moved** to **hold** the Agency's next meeting on October 20, 2014 and a final meeting on November 17, 2014. To adopt a 2015 schedule. The meetings will be held at Salem City Offices at 7:30 a.m. Rick Moore **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

STATUS UPDATE FILING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Gene Shawcroft explained that there has been work between Utah County and the Agency to complete a plat showing the boundaries of the Agency to satisfy the filing requirements of the Lt. Governor's office. The final plat is not yet completed but he expects it to be done in the next few days. An independent surveyor needs to sign the plat along with the Utah County Surveyor. Richard Davis asked how close the boundary was to the previous one. Gene Shawcroft said that there was a change to the boundary near Springville City and that he could send the changes via email for the board to review. Discussion was held regarding the Agency boundary and the potential for adding area in Juab County territory.

DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (BYLAWS)

Warren Peterson asked for discussion on the proposed Agency bylaws. He questioned whether the proposed bylaws properly reflected the Board's discussion regarding the Agency fiscal year. Larry Ellertson explained that the question discussed had been on the appointment of Board members by calendar year rather than on whether the fiscal year should coincide with the calendar year. Warren Peterson expressed that he did not feel that the bylaws adequately addressed the alternate directors. Discussion was held regarding the bylaws. Warren Peterson expressed that he felt the bylaws could be adopted as presented and if there was a definition of 'Director' added and clarification of the role of alternates adopted at a later meeting. He further expressed that the bylaws should provide that if the vice and chair are both absent from an agency board meeting and there are sufficient members for a quorum that the quorum should be authorized to appoint someone to conduct the meeting.

Gene Shawcroft **moved** to **approve** the bylaws with the inclusion of a provision for an alternate director. Rick Moore **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

STATUS OF PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH STRAWBERRY HIGHLINE CANAL COMPANY

Jamison Thornton reported that a draft agreement had been reviewed by legal counsel for Highline Canal Company and the Agency. He said that the Highline Canal Company did not have any problems with the

comments from Junior Baker and Steve Clyde and would submit the proposed contract for review by the Agency Board in its next meeting. He said that he will send the contract to the board.

AGENCY SEAL AND LOGO STATUS UPDATE

Chris Hansen explained that 8 of the 14 board members and alternates had reported back and he had narrowed the logo down to two choices but that neither one has 3 peaks. He can get a graphic artist to add three peaks. Randy Brailsford told Chris Hansen that after the graphic artist adds in a third peak to just pick one and send it out to everyone.

ADOPTION OF MISSION STATEMENT

Discussion was held regarding changes to the proposed mission statement. Randy Brailsford **moved to approve** the following as the Agency mission statement:

Mt. Nebo Water Agency works to protect and preserve precious water resources for the benefit of present and future agricultural, residential, municipal, and industrial users, and to plan for water supplies needed to sustain population growth and economic expansion within the Agency boundaries.

Rick Moore **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

REPORT ON BANK ACCOUNT

Shelley Hendrickson said that a bank account for the Agency had been established at Zion's Bank. The deposit from Central Utah Water Conservancy District, of \$12, 170.00, was \$100 too much and that when Junior Baker returns from his vacation that he will process a refund. She also reported that Junior Baker had ordered the minimum amount of 150 checks be printed for the bank account and that there was no charge for the checks as the bank made a deposit error and therefore did not charge the Agency the usual \$136 printing charge for the checks.

Gene Shawcroft asked that the Agency not refund the \$100 that it would be easier to just deduct the \$100 from the amount that Central Utah would owe next time.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chris Hansen said that the committee had met twice. They have outlined the regional water study and are compiling data from the different entities.

Tyler Coon expressed that the committee did not feel that it made sense to include any part of Cedar Valley in the study and asked if bringing the line up to Pelican Point would be a better distinction point.

Discussion was held regarding Saratoga Springs City boundary, the Utah County boundary and whether or not the study area should follow the Agency boundary. Gene Shawcroft expressed that the committee

does not need to be bound by the agency's boundary. It was by consensus of the Board that the study area will not need to follow the Agency boundary.

Chris Thompson explained what the water study would encompass. The following is the proposed description of the water supply study:

The Mt. Nebo Water Agency will conduct a water supply study for the area within the agency boundary. The study will determine the available surface, stored and underground water in an 80% precipitation year and forecast the future need for water based on growth predictions adopted by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the Mountainlands Association of Governments as well as Envision Utah's Wasatch Front 2050 Market-driven Growth Scenario. This study is not intended to be an evaluation of existing or available water rights.

So as not to duplicate efforts, existing water supply studies will be used as much as possible. These studies include:

- 1996 SUVMWA, Water Supply Planning Report
- 2013 SUVMWA, Groundwater Recharge Feasibility Study
- 2013 USGS, Evaluation of the Groundwater Flow Model for Southern Utah and Goshen Valleys, Utah, Updated to Conditions through 2011, with New Projections and Groundwater Management Simulations
- 2014 Utah DWR, Utah Lake Basin Water Plan
- 2014 Envision Utah, Market-Driven Growth Scenario

Gene Shawcroft said that if anyone is aware of any other studies to let the technical committee know about them.

Discussion was held regarding the Colorado River Water Users conference.

Rick Moore **moved** to **adjourn**. Randy Brailsford **seconded** and the motion **passed** at 8:31 a.m.