

1 **Mt. Nebo Water Agency Board Meeting**
2 **May 21, 2018**

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5 **Board Members:** Chairman Warren Peterson, Goshen Valley; Gene Shawcroft, Central Utah Water;
6 Darrick Whipple, SHLCC; Brett Christensen, Payson; Marty Larson, Genola; Keith Broadhead, Santaquin;
7 Howard Chuntz, Salem

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9 **Board Alternates:** Chris Thompson, Spanish Fork

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11 **Technical Committee:** Chris Hansen, CUWCD; Richard Nielson, Utah County; Bruce Ward, Salem City;
12 Roger Barrus, GVL

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14 **Staff:** S. Junior Baker, Allison Taylor, Steve Clyde.

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16 **Public present:** Justin Record, Bureau of Reclamation; Ryan Luke, Bureau of Reclamation; Steve Jones,
17 Hansen, Allen, Luce

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19 Chairman Warren Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

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21 Chairman Peterson invited public comment.

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23 Bruce Ward asked for an update on the water transfers, he asked if someone was working on the contract.
24 "We are all spending money on the transfers," he said. He asked if this is something the technical
25 committee can work on. Warren Peterson replied that he felt that they could. Howard Chuntz stated that he
26 would like to see the contract. Junior Baker stated that they do not have a contract yet and they would have
27 to put it together, and there is a line item in the proposed budget to work on this. Warren stated that the
28 short term goal of this is to bring the water rights into the area. The intermediate goal is for sharing in the
29 agency. The long term goal is to keep the water supply available to our area with an agreement by which
30 the Agency could balance use of the water rights against available water rights. Marty Larson stated that
31 the intentions of this are very important. Warren stated they are putting together a summary so that
32 everyone will have a better idea of what this is for and that the proposed agreement is needed to confirm
33 the intended management of these water rights. Warren asked that the summary be put on for the next
34 agenda.

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36 Warren stated that he had not seen a final copy of the minutes for February 12, 2018. He recommended
37 tabling the approval of the minutes until the board had seen the final changes.

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39 Marty Larson **moved to table** the minutes of February 12, 2018 until the next meeting. **Seconded** by
40 Howard Chuntz and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

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Regional Water Study Report

Chris Hansen stated that not a lot has happened with the resource committee; they are waiting for the population numbers update from the Kem Gardner report.

Muscle Wall

Chris stated that they have budgeted \$35,000 for the muscle wall project. Junior Baker stated that this would be split equally between all entities that wish to participate.

Change order for population numbers in Regional Water Study

Junior stated this is the change order that Hansen, Allen, Luce (HAL) has been asked to put together. Gene Shawcroft stated that he feels like we should wait for the breakdown with the new population numbers, otherwise we are asking them to do something that we don't really know what to have them do yet. He suggested waiting until we have those numbers and then calling a quick meeting after we have those numbers to approve a change order.

Membership Committee Report

Marty stated that the membership committee had met and were working on putting an application form together. They will have a draft of the application form for the June meeting for the board to review. There was a discussion on how many members the agency will have and whether all of them would be represented on the board.

Water Resource Management Committee Report

Chris Hansen stated they had met a few times and are proceeding with the preparation of the groundwater plan document. Steve Clyde and Steve Jones have outlined it to start the framework, but this is a big undertaking with a lot of moving parts. Junior said that he has this in the tentative budget. Chris suggested that they could invite the State Engineer to come to a future meeting.

Public Outreach Report

There was no report.

Tentative Budget

80 Junior presented the tentative budget. Gene suggested rounding up the administrative budget to \$4500.
81 There was a discussion about how much money to place mark for the ground water management study. It
82 was decided to break this into two phases, \$30,000 was place marked for the first phase.

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84 Gene Shawcroft **moved** to **approve** the tentative budget and to set a budget hearing for June 18.
85 **Seconded** by Brett Christensen, and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

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87 **Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force**

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89 Warren stated this is an 8 member task force that is being put together on the State level to meet and study
90 methods to optimize the use of agricultural water. Warren suggested we have someone monitor these
91 meetings to keep us involved.

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93 **Watersmart Webinar and Grants**

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95 Ryan Luke and Justin Record from the Bureau of Reclamation gave a report on the WaterSMART grants
96 that the Agency could look into applying for to fund certain projects. Justin stated that the Reclamation can
97 be a resource when applying for grants also.

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99 **Other Business**

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101 Warren encouraged everyone to read the regional water study.
102 Junior stated that Sara Randall and Allison Taylor will be getting the agendas and minutes out to the board,
103 he asked if everyone could let him know who the alternate is for their entity.

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105 **Next Meeting June 18, 2018**

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107 Marty Larson **moved** to adjourn. Brett Christensen **seconded** and the meeting adjourned at 9:22a.m.