

**Mt. Nebo Water Agency Board Meeting
February 24, 2020**

Board Members: Chairman Gene Shawcroft, Central Utah Water; Marty Larson, Genola; Nick Miller, Santaquin; Howard Chuntz, Salem; Brandon Gordon, Spanish Fork City; Richard Nielson, Utah County; Paul Munns, Goshen Valley Local District; Boyd Warren, High Line Canal; Warren Peterson, Goshen Valley Local District, via speakerphone

Board Alternates:

Technical Committee: Chris Hansen, CUWCD; Bruce Ward, Salem City; Norm Beagley, Santaquin; Chris Thompson, Spanish Fork; Travis Jockumsen, Payson

Staff: S. Junior Baker, Allison Taylor, Steve Clyde via Speakerphone

Public present: Melanie McVicker, Farmland Reserve; Rich Tullis, CUWCD; Dave Tuckett, Payson City; Kim Holindrake, Payson City; Sterling Brown, Strawberry Water Users; Wes Quinton, Farmland Reserve; David Pitcher, CUWCD; Rachel Musil, CUWCD; Jared Hanse, CUWCD; Steve Jones, HAL

Chairman Gene Shawcroft called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Chairman Shawcroft mentioned Steve Clyde and Warren Peterson were at the capitol this morning, they are on speakerphone. He asked them to report on the legislative changes before they needed to go and attend their meeting.

Water Banking

Steve Clyde stated they have been working on this for about 3 ½ years. The bill is successful and is waiting for the governor's signature. There will be 4 pilot programs in the Bear River, Weber, Snyderville, and Price. Water banking works well in some areas but not in others, and they aren't sure how it will work here in Utah.

Agricultural Water Task Force

Warren Peterson stated the task force had some criticism that it is driven by bureaucrats and not providers. They are looking at adding 3 more members from active agricultural producers. They are focusing on technology and it will be something to keep an eye on. They have some funding.

Watershed Councils

Steve Clyde stated this would be an advisory council, it would get local users together so they can do some planning. There has been some opposition and he has heard it will not move forward.

Warren asked if they had all received the clarification he made to the minutes on the groundwater management plan, the proposal didn't have Goshen Valley and he would like to see that included.

Swearing in of New Board Members

Allison Taylor swore in new board members Nick Miller and Brandon Gordon.

Chairman Shawcroft invited public comment. There was none.

Chairman Gene Shawcroft asked if everyone had seen the modification mentioned by Warren Peterson. They all had.

Marty Larson **moved** to **approve** the minutes of November 18, 2019 with the amendment from Warren Peterson. **Seconded** by Howard Chuntz and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

Groundwater Management Plan; Status Update

Approve CUWCD to provide monitoring of Change Applications

Chris Hansen stated at the last meeting the technical committee was asked to look into hiring technical and legal services to help manage change orders. They have received an offer from Central Utah Water Conservatory District to provide this service, since they are already doing it. The District is staffed and they would send out a summary to be reviewed by the Board. The Board could then determine if this is a Mt. Nebo issue or just a single entity issue. He said they have Rachel Musil doing this, she could review them and send them out to the Board. Rachel said she usually signs for the district and asked who would be signing them for Mt. Nebo. Junior Baker said they should identify the person that would sign by position instead of name. Gene Shawcroft cautioned that Central is diligent but something could get missed because Rachel will not know everyone's water rights. Chris said they could draw up a resolution for the next meeting.

Marty Larson **moved** to instruct a resolution be prepared that states the water rights manager at CUWCD can sign change order applications for the Mt. Nebo Agency. **Seconded** by Boyd Warren and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

Approve thresholds for small contracts

Chris Hansen reported Mt. Nebo has used CUWCD's procurement rules before for small purchases. The Board felt they should continue to do that.

Approve a contract with Hansen Allen & Luce for groundwater well level monitoring system

Chris stated HAL is already active in this arena. They have done a lot of the modeling for south Utah Valley. We are asking them to monitor ground water and well levels. Central would pay half of the cost and the other half would be split between the participating entities, the cost would be \$42,300. Boyd Warren asked if this information is already out there. Chris said some of it is, but they would like to get every bit of data they can. Steve Jones said the intent would be to get this set up and have the data available, hopefully this would be ongoing so the first year you would pay more to get it set up. Chris Thompson said the main objective is to fine tune how we manage ground water.

Richard Nielson **moved** to approve the contract with Hansen Allen Luce for groundwater well level monitoring with the understanding that they will have a breakdown of the cost at the next meeting. Howard Chuntz **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

Approve an RFP to solicit legal counsel for Change Application Protests

Chris Hansen stated with CUWCD doing the monitoring, they felt like Steve Clyde might still be willing to provide this service.

Marty Larson **moved** to stay with Steve Clyde. Brandon Gordon **seconded** and the motion **passed** with all in favor.

Bank Signature Card

Junior Baker stated they need to do a new bank signature card, he asked all of the board members to go to Zions Bank to sign this. He has been working with Scott Whimpy at the Spanish Fork branch. If they need to go to a different branch please call Scott and he can work that out. They are adding 4 new board members and all checks require 2 signatures.

Other Business

Next Meeting May 26, 2020

Junior Baker reminded them the meeting will be the fourth Tuesday instead of the third Monday.

Marty Larson **moved** to adjourn. Brandon Gordon **seconded** and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.