

ASHLEY VALLEY WATER
& SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
609 WEST MAIN
VERNAL UTAH

Minutes of the Ashley Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District Board Meeting and Public Hearing held on Tuesday February 18, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of the District Office located at 609 West Main, Vernal Utah.

IN ATTENDANCE

Boyd Workman	Chairperson
Brownie Tomlinson	Vice Chairperson
Max Haslem	Trustee
Dean Baker	Trustee
Dave Hatch	Trustee
Ryan Goodrich	District Manager
Nora Garcia	District Clerk
Allen Hacking	Crew Supervisor
Ryan Wolfinjer	Assistant Manager

Chairperson Workman opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed all that were present.

Statement of Conflict None were stated.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 WATER REVENUE BONDS FOR AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING, AND ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, INTEREST RATE, MATURITY AND DISCOUNT OF THE BONDS; AND RELATED MATTERS.

This resolution is setting the date for the parameter hearing to be held on March 18th, the project and funding will be explained under Project Updates. Dean made the motion to pass resolution 02-18-2025, seconded by Brownie. Those voting yes to the above motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave.

Ashley Springs Property Rules and Regulations

Travis Campbell presented draft rules the county has put together for the Uintah County Property that was given through the S.47-John D. Dingell management and recreation act. Travis stated that these are outlined for the Ashley Springs Property, (see attachment). These rules are for the general public's information. He was in attendance seeking feedback and questions from the public.

Chairperson Workman asked for public comment.

Curt Smuin wanted to read a couple of items from the Dingell Act. He is against the VIA FERATTA.

Anna Billings asked if this was going to replace the Ashley Springs Protection Zone Ordinance, supersede, in conjunction with? Travis replied this is just more specific.

Nick Richens stated it is his understanding that the county received this property for the sole purpose to stop mining in the area, and to protect the property. Now 6 years later the county is wanting to do something that could harm our water source. Mr. Richens believes that the district has an obligation to protect this water, sending a message back to the county commissioners that this should not move forward. Mr. Richens is against the VIA FERATTA.

Project Updates

Manager Ryan Goodrich reported on the office building grant/loan from the CIB. Ryan attended the CIB funding meeting, during which the attendees were informed that the CIB had insufficient funds by approximately \$6 million dollars to fund all of the projects that applied. The district's application was first on the agenda and a loan was approved in the amount of \$2,935,000, loan 1% interest 30-year term with a grant amount of \$1,000,000. The funding package was what was originally applied for without modifications. The CIB then took time to discuss the other projects and make cuts to other applicant requests. The district was very fortunate that the CIB was willing to award a funding package as it was applied for. The design engineer anticipates they will be done mid-March with engineering plans and have a bid submittal packet ready by the end of March or the beginning of April. Ryan is hoping to begin construction in June. The realtor, Nancy Birchell, has actively been showing this building, and while no offer has been submitted, interest is being shown.

UBAOG/CIB LIST

This list needs to be submitted yearly to the Uintah Basin Association of Government. This list shows 1 year and 2-5-year projected plans. If you have a project that is not on this list, it is not eligible for funding through the CIB. This list is submitted to the UBAOG, by February 28th, then onto the CIB in March. The items on the 1-year list are raw water line re-lining, Ashley Springs Improvements, water and sewer studies, sewer system enhancements and fire flow project. On the 2-5 year; South Davis 3mg Tank and associated water mains, loop line improvements, Asphalt Ridge to 1500 west, fire flow improvements, sewer transmission line to sewer plant, sewer treatment plant to service south Davis customers, and water treatment plant at Red Fleet Reservoir. Dean made the motion to accept this list, seconded by Max, those voting yes to the above motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave. This motion included adding 2 storage tanks at the treatment plant.

Capital Assessment Site Inventory

Ryan Wolfinger presented a capital asset spreadsheet he has been working on. This spreadsheet will help in tracking the cost, life estimate, remaining life, scheduled replacement year, depreciation, and replacement cost of the district's assets. This list is also required to be submitted to the CIB before any funding is applied for. While the inventory provides a lot of information, the most critical that was shared with the board was the annual depreciation calculation. Depreciation is calculated at approximately \$2 million a year.

Seven County Infrastructure Coalition & UWCD Project support

Uintah Water Conservancy District has partnered with the 7-county infrastructure coalition to seek funding and begin on Phase One of the Jensen Pumping Plant. The coalition funds or attempts to fund large infrastructure projects that are in the 7 counties, (southeast corridor). UWCD and the Coalition are working together on the Green River, (Burns Bench), pump station. They are wanting to get that project going. They fear that if they wait on the federal government; nothing will get started with this pumping of Green River. Ryan was asked if the district would support this project, he responded that the district would. A support letter needs to be signed, and Ryan asked if the board wants to sign it, or if they wanted him to sign. The board requested to read and sign the letter with their titles and signatures. Once Ryan has the support letter ready, he will have the board of trustees sign it.

Exchange Agreement & New Connection Policy Updates

Included in today's board packet is a draft copy of the new connection requirements and restrictions; this is an add-on addendum to the existing new connection requirements. This draft copy is for the new connections via the use of Red Fleet Water & Exchange. Max made the motion to approve this new connection policy, seconded by Brownie, those voting yes to the above motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave.

Press Release about Exchange Agreement with Vernal City

Vernal City and Ashley Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District will have a press release on the water connections available to the district through collaboration with Vernal City. Max made the motion to go ahead with a press release, seconded by Dave. Those voting yes to this motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave.

Sewer Management Stipend

Brownie made the motion to approve the \$3,500.00 yearly stipend for the trustee's, (Max and Dave) that are serving on the Ashley Sewer Management board, seconded by Dean. Those voting yes to this motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave.

February 2025 Expenditures

Nora reported on February's expenditure. She explained that she would be on vacation on the 10th of the month, so those expenditures were paid on January 31. That total is \$25,667.32. The expenditures on February 13 are \$210,101.47. The invoices that did not make this packet come to a total of \$5,082.37. This month's total expenditures \$240,851.16. Dave had a question on Save-on Transportation in the amount of \$7,119.20. Nora explained that last month she generated a check in this amount, and \$16.20. Once Save-on received that check, they called and said they needed 2 different checks. I voided the previous month's check and sent two different ones in these 2 amounts. Allen explained that the \$7,119.20 was the propane delivery to the treatment plant. Dave also questioned the payment to Cisco Communications in the amount of \$200.00. That is for a radio tower site we can use with a dedicated radio frequency. Dean made the motion to approve the payment of this month's expenditures, seconded by Dave, those voting yes, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave.

Operations Discussions

Reminder that RWAU conference is being held next week in Saint George. Nora will have per diem on Friday.

Brownie made a motion to enter closed session at 1:44 p.m.

Brownie made the motion to return to open meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Public Relations Firm

This item is on hold.

Water Share Trade

Dean made the motion to offer Central Canal 2 to 1 in trade; 1 S-Stock for 2 Ashley Reservoir. This motion was seconded by Brownie, those voting yes to this motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd and Dave.