



# Hildale / Colorado City Utility Board Meeting

Thursday, December 09, 2021 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

---

## Minutes

**Roll Call of Board Attendees:** Utility Administrative Deputy Director LaCorti

Arvin Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Quorum present.

Sterling Jessop excused. Nathan Burnham appeared via Zoom. Jason Black arrived at 7:02 PM.

Staff present: Weston Barlow, Nathan Fischer, Mariah La Corti

Public present: Shawn Stubbs

**Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters:** Presiding Officer

Jvar Dutson offered a prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** By Invitation of Presiding Officer

The crowd joined in the pledge of allegiance.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosures:** Board Members

None. JVar Dutson requested to reserve the right of such if something comes up.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Board Members

1. A spelling clerical error in Board member name was noted.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2021 as amended.

Motion made by Board Member Dutson, Seconded by Board Member Cawley.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Barlow, Board Member Dutson, Board Member Cawley, Board Member Burnham, Board Member Seay, Board Member Johnson, Sr.

**Public Comments:** (3 minutes each - Discretion of Presiding Officer)

Shawn Stubbs commented on his appreciation of the Board. JVar Dutson spoke as a member of the public. He informed the public that repair of the irrigation system ran by the UEP is progressing through a joint effort in conjunction with the SRTS project. Arvin Black shared a brief history of the irrigation system.

**Financial Report and Invoice Register** (5 minutes - Deputy Director LaCorti)

2. Mariah La Corti presented. The transfers from the revenue accounts to the joint utility accounts have not been completed. Revenues and expenditures are currently on track with budget. Weston Barlow

brought attention to the payment from the Town of Colorado City for reimbursement of the improvements of the water plant. The topic of debt service of vehicles and equipment was brought to attention. Weston informed the Board that much of this was contributed the mini-ex and skid steer that were expected on the previous years budget that ended up rolling over to this years budget, these are the only two items that the Department owes money on.

The invoice register covered 2 months worth of bills due to the lack of meeting in November. Purchase of bulk gas to be prepared for winter season was noted. JVar Dutson asked about Garkane Energy rates, as a notice of a possible change of rates has been sent out to the community. Weston referred him back to Garkane Energy for an answer to this question. Nothing further out of the ordinary was noted.

Motion to approve pay the bills as they become due and the funds become available.

Motion made by Board Member Dutson, Seconded by Board Member Seay.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Barlow, Board Member Dutson, Board Member Cawley, Board Member Burnham, Board Member Seay, Board Member Johnson, Sr.

## Reports:

### 3. Interm Director

Consultant Report

Deputy Director of Operations

Deputy Director of Administration

Jerry Postema presented Consultant report. He has been working with CIB and DEQ on grant the submitted application for 18.7 million in funding. They have requested breaking down the monetary request into 4 phases of more manageable tasks. This would make it to where the amount available for grant funds would go up and the loan amount would decrease. Other grant opportunities will also be looked at. A priority list for projects has already been approved, but public hearings will need to be held as applications to CIB are submitted.

A kickoff meeting with Washington County Water Conservancy and Bowen & Collins for Hildale Groundwater Project was held. The intent is to get right-of-way or access to BLM land. More information will be provided as this progresses.

An emergency response plan is due the end of this month. Staff is working diligently to get this completed.

WIFA information is being finalized. We are waiting on AIS Certification from provider. An availability of construction permit is required for ADEQ in order for wells 4 & 22 to be approved to run and put culinary water into the system. This is approximately a 30 day process.

JVar Dutson asked for a status on water impact fees. Jerry reported that the water master plan will need updated, due to new infrastructure, then we can go back and look at facilities plan. Considering that Hildale pretty much doubled in size with the annexation, we need to make sure that appropriate rates are in place. There was discussion on creating an impact fee policy to avoid upfront purchasing without construction within a certain amount of time and insuring ordinances have the correct language to make sure water is available and an expiration date is outlined. Jerry pointed out that all of these concerns should be able to be addressed simultaneously and are in process. JVar Dutson requested to have this as an agenda item for January meeting.

Weston Barlow presented on Utility Operations. The pump for well 22 is not producing as much as hoped for because of the aquifer. The plan is to pull out and put a skirt on the motor, to force the water past the motor, to see if this improves. Natural gas to Colorado City is delayed awaiting signed

paperwork. Looking at a year before fully implemented. A grant in the amount of \$75,000 was approved to extend fiber to sewer plant. He referred the Board to his written report for information.

Mariah La Corti presented on Administrative Operations. Referred the Board to written report for information. As requested, the Board was provided with information on the effect that a change in the date for the assessment of penalties would have on the budget. It was pointed out that the Department is in the business of providing a service to the public, not making money. However, certain policies must be in place to encourage customers to pay for their services. JVar Dutson asked that this item be on the January Board meeting for discussion and possible action.

**Consideration and Possible Action on Appointment of Interm Utilities Director:** (5 minutes - Interim Director Duthie)

The Interm Utilities Director position was never made official. The Department is seeking Board approval to officially appoint Eric Duthie as Interm Utilities Director.

Motion to appoint Eric Duthie as Interm Utilities Director retroactively until otherwise deemed.

Motion made by Board Member Dutson, Seconded by Board Member Cawley.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Barlow, Board Member Dutson, Board Member Cawley, Board Member Burnham, Board Member Seay, Board Member Johnson, Sr.

**Consideration and Possible Action on Large Purchases:** (10 minutes - Deputy Director Barlow)

4. Weston Barlow presented.

The sewer lift pump for Centennial lift station was sent to repair facility. Department is seeking approval to repair the pump and return to service. This maintenance is covered under wastewater maintenance budget.

Motion to approve the invoice from Rhino Pumps for repair in the amount of \$5,694.00

Motion made by Board Member Dutson, Seconded by Board Member Cawley.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Barlow, Board Member Dutson, Board Member Cawley, Board Member Burnham, Board Member Seay, Board Member Johnson, Sr.

For the manhole repair project, several quotes provided for consideration. Geneva products was not interested in the project due to the way the system works. Weston pointed out that the product that the department is requesting is what was used for the Centennial lift station, which is expected to be good for at least 20 years. Department is seeking approval to purchase manholes lids from Fischer Contracting, LLC for a total of \$21,850.00. Budget for this project was already approved.

Nathan disclosed possible conflict of interest, "Fischer Contracting" is his sons company. Nathan briefly explained the process for the manhole lid replacement.

Motion to approve bid for \$21,850 from Fischer Contracting for construction of manhole lids for manhole replacement project.

Motion made by Michael Cawley. Second. Haven Barlow.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Barlow, Board Member Dutson, Board Member Cawley, Board Member Burnham, Board Member Seay, Board

Member Johnson, Sr.

**Board Comments:** (10 minutes total)

Board members comments of issues not previously discussed in the meeting.

Arvin Black commented on the successes of the Large Capacity Filling Station and water treatment plan in addition to outstanding projects.

**Adjournment:** Presiding Officer

Next meeting January 27, 2022 6:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athena Cawley, City Recorder