

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

Minutes of the 883<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy Board of Trustees held Monday, May 20, 2024 at 4:36 p.m. at 3430 E Danish Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093.

The following trustees attended the board meeting:

Tom Godfrey	-Chair
John S. Kirkham	-Vice Chair
Patricia Comarell	-Secretary
Donald Y. Milne	-Trustee
Joan Degiorgio	-Trustee
John H. Mabey, Jr.	-Trustee
Cindy Cromer	-Trustee

The following staff and guests attended the board meeting:

Annalee Munsey, General Manager  
Wayne Winsor, Assistant General Manager – Chief Administrative Officer  
Gordon Cook, Assistant General Manager – Chief Operating Officer  
Darin Klemin, IT Manager  
Ammon Allen, Engineering Manager  
Kelly Stevens, Senior Engineer  
Gardner Olson, Engineer II  
Augusto Robles, Engineer II  
Nathan Scown, Operations Manager  
Steve Slack, Maintenance Manager  
Jeff Matheson, Laboratory Manager  
Breana Jackson, Executive Administrator  
Eric Sorensen, Water Resources Manager  
Sonya Shepherd, HR Program Manager/Clerk  
Josh Croft, Accountant  
Dani Cepernich, Spencer Fane  
Jesse Stewart, Salt Lake City Public Utilities  
Scott Ellis, Sandy City Public Utilities  
Jeff Budge, Provo River Water Users Association  
Mike Whimpey, Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
Stockton Denos, AE2S  
Brittany Sorenson, Brown & Caldwell  
Cam Walker, HDR  
Ryan Oberg, HDR  
Brad Buswell, Carollo Engineers  
Alan McKean, David Evans & Associates  
Chris Thunhorst, Hazen and Sawyer  
Jason Luettinger, Bowen Collins & Associates

## **Work Session Agenda**

1. Managed Aquifer Recharge Project update
2. Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project report
3. Other

## **Board Meeting Agenda**

4. Call to order
5. Public comment
6. Engineering Committee report
  - a. Consider appeal of Donald and Andrea Anthony
  - b. Consider approval of Resolution 1934 approving annexation of property
  - c. Capital projects report
7. Environmental Committee report
  - a. Reporting items
8. Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated April 15, 2024
9. Consider acceptance of financial reports
10. Report on property tax meetings
11. Reporting/Scheduling items
  - a. Water supply and demand update
  - b. Quarterly check register, electronic payments, and credit card expenditures reports provided to Finance Committee for review
12. Other business
13. Items to be discussed at future meetings
14. Closed Session
  - a. Pending or reasonably imminent litigation
15. Adjourn

## **Work Session**

### **Managed Aquifer Recharge Project update**

Mr. Robles reviewed the purpose of the Managed Aquifer Recharge project and the progress to date. He described the monitoring wells, the ASR well, and the surface infiltration basins. Mr. Robles explained the construction timeline and introduced the ASR well findings.

Mr. Allen expanded on the ASR well findings by describing the earth material encountered during drilling. He described the ideal and problematic materials found and discussed next steps for the project.

### **Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project report**

Mr. Olson introduced the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant (LCWTP) Rebuild Project. He provided a summary for the intention of the project and an estimated timeline. Mr. Olson explained staff is working on the Design Engineering Guideline (DEG) and described its

purpose before bidding the project. He explained the project will likely be combined into “packages” and assigned to a level of service dependent on the preexisting condition. Mr. Olson described potential improvements to the LCWTP’s treatment process to be considered during the design and described the project’s next steps.

## **Board Meeting**

### **Call to order**

At 4:36 p.m. the Chair, Mr. Godfrey, called the meeting to order and welcomed board members, staff, and visitors.

### **Public comment**

No public comments were made.

### **Consider appeal of Donald and Andrea Anthony**

Donald and Andrea Anthony  
Location: 10337 South 2505 East, Sandy  
Stations: 1643+32  
Corridor: Fee (Tract 411)

Donald and Andrea Anthony purchased their home in 2023. The District’s property adjoining the lot has been used via agreement since 1981. The agreement expired on August 5, 2023. As a condition of renewal, the Anthonys were asked to remove playground equipment and an encroaching retaining wall (rock and concrete) that predated their purchase of the home, and that was not identified on previous agreement renewals. The Anthonys agreed to remove the playground equipment. On January 30, 2024 the District received a formal appeal in hopes of keeping the retaining wall. As an alternative, Mr. Anthony stated he would be willing to cut the retaining wall at the property line, allowing it to be fully removed in the future without damage to that portion of the wall not on the District’s property.

The Engineering Committee discussed this item on April 23, 2024 and recommended granting a variance to the Anthonys permitting the retaining wall, provided it is cut at the property line, with added language referencing a maximum agreement term of 25 years.

The board discussed the benefit of cutting the retaining wall at the property line and the proposed term of the agreement.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to grant a variance permitting the retaining wall, provided it is cut at the property line, and with the added agreement term language: “for five years, renewable in 5-year increments to a maximum of 25 years.” Ms. Comarell seconded the motion and the motion passed: six in favor, Ms. Cromer opposed.

### **Consider approval of Resolution 1934 approving annexation of property**

Sandy City recently annexed ten properties with the Middle Deer Hollow Annexation and five properties in the Olsen Farms Annexation. All 15 properties receive water from Sandy City Public Utilities.

The Engineering Committee discussed this item on April 23, 2024 and recommended approval of the resolution.

Mr. Mabey motioned to approve Resolution 1934 approving annexation of 15 properties into the District. Ms. Cromer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Capital Projects report**

Mr. Kirkham asked for the current status of Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District's (JVWCD) budget for FY24. Staff reported JVWCD is under budget.

### **Environmental Committee report**

Ms. Munsey reported on the Environmental Committee report. She explained the Provo River Watershed Strategic Plan, The plan, created by AE2S, includes an overview of the watershed and suggestions of how funds could be utilized. It includes five-year recommendations and 20-year recommendations. Ms. Munsey will share the link to the plan with the board. Ms. Cromer suggested it as a resource during next year's Water Week.

Ms. Munsey described the District's Water Week Open House, held at LCWTP. The District utilized new resources for advertising and the result was over 250 guests at the event. Sandy City Public Utilities, Central Wasatch Commission, and Utah State Water Check Program hosted tables at the event. Over a dozen members of District staff helped and hosted tours of the plant.

### **Consider approval of Board Meeting minutes dated April 15, 2024**

Ms. Cromer motioned to approve the Board Meeting minutes dated April 15, 2024. Mr. Milne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mabey abstained from the motion.

### **Consider acceptance of financial reports**

Mr. Kirkham noted the changes described in the notes regarding the O&M funds. High interest rates have provided the District with additional revenue.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to accept the February and March 2024 financial statements. Mr. Milne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of property tax meetings**

Sandy City Council unanimously approved the District's proposed property tax increase. Salt Lake City Council will be held on May 21, 2024. The District's property tax proposal will be discussed at 2:15 PM. The City Council will then have a public hearing regarding the proposed increase.

### **Reporting/Scheduling items**

Mr. Sorensen provided a water supply update for the board. He mentioned the forecast and reservoir levels. Mr. Sorensen then reviewed water deliveries, average precipitation levels, and water supply projections.

Mr. Munsey noted the 2023 Annual Report. Ms. Comarell complimented the staff photos.

Mr. Godfrey congratulated Ms. Munsey on completing her Master's degree in Public Administration. Ms. Munsey thanked the board for their support.

### **Other business**

Sandy City Public Utilities Advisory Committee is scheduled for a tour of the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant on June 20, 2024.

### **Items to be discussed at future meetings**

No items were discussed.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. Milne motioned to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Mr. Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. All board members were present. The following staff were also present: Ms. Munsey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Winsor, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Allen, and Ms. Cepernich.

Mr. Kirkham motioned to go out of closed session. Mr. Milne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

At 5:24 p.m. the board meeting adjourned.

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Tom Godfrey, Chair

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Patricia Comarell, Secretary