

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

Special Budget Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District conducted a special budget meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the District office, 210 West Spencer Avenue, Suite B, Gunnison, CO, 81230 and via Zoom video/teleconferencing.

Board members present: Sara Bergstrom, Joellen Fonken, Rebie Hazard (via Zoom), Stacy McPhail, Bill Nesbitt, John Perusek (via Zoom), Don Sabrowski and Andy Spann

Board members absent: Rosemary Carroll, Julie Nania, and Michelle Pierce

Also present:

Sonja Chavez, UGRWCD General Manager

Cheryl Cwelich, UGRWCD Water Resource Specialist I

Beverly Richards, UGRWCD Water Resource Specialist II

Sue Uerling, UGRWCD Administrative Assistant/Communications Support Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice President Stacy McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Joellen Fonken moved and Director Sara Bergstrom seconded approval of the agenda as circulated. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Director Bill Nesbitt requested a minor change to correct the spelling of his name on page three of the November 28, 2022 Board meeting minutes under the Treasurer's Report.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Sara Bergstrom seconded approval of the November 28, 2022 Board meeting minutes with the correction noted. The motion carried.

4. ADOPTION OF 2023 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Vice President Stacy McPhail asked if there were any questions regarding the budget memorandum from General Manager Sonja Chavez or any questions on the budget itself. None were asked.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Andy Spann seconded adoption of Resolution 2022-04 to Adopt the 2023 Budget as presented. The motion carried.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Rebie Hazard seconded adoption of Resolution 2022-05 to Appropriate Sum of Money for the 2023 Budget. The motion carried.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Andy Spann seconded adoption of Resolution 2022-06 to Set the Mill Levy for the 2023 Budget. The motion carried.

5. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

General Manager Sonja Chavez circulated a draft of a letter proposed by the Gunnison County STOR Committee to be sent to the Bureau of Land Management concerning their support of the proposed Thompson Divide Administrative Mineral Withdrawal at Mount Emmons. Sonja asked if anyone had any concerns with the STOR Committee's letter and specifically asked Director Rebie Hazard. Director Hazard said she had no problem with the letter.

Sonja noted that the Accountant position for the District has been advertised in the area newspapers and on the District's social media platforms. Sonja reported that so far, she has received four resumes so far with a couple of them looking promising. Sonja will begin scheduling interviews for the week after the CRWUA Conference in Las Vegas.

Sonja reported that she is moving forward with a new projector for the District conference room that will present a closer video of board members and presenters as they speak. The camera can be set for 3 to 4 pre-set zones and it will automatically zoom into a specific zone when someone is speaking so that online viewers can see who is speaking much better. Quotes were obtained for this system and with installation, it should run just over \$9,000. The equipment has been ordered from King Systems LLC, who installed the other audio/visual equipment last year.

Sonja announced the dates for the Colorado Water Congress 2023 Convention are January 25-27, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency in Aurora, CO. The early registration deadline is December 31, 2022. Sonja asked interested Board members to let staff know if they would like to attend.

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens in attendance at the meeting.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

Information on future meetings, 2023 holidays and 2023 check signors was included in the Board packet.

8. SUMMARY OF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

General Manager Sonja Chavez will extend an invitation to Zach Dutra to be introduced at a future Board meeting. Zach is the new coordinator for the Lake Fork Valley Conservancy.

Sonja will also ask Kathleen Curry to come to an upcoming Board meeting to report on Colorado River District issues related to the Upper Gunnison Basin.

Once the new camera system is installed, staff will contact the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley to offer the old projector to nonprofit organizations in the county who might be able to utilize the old system.

9. ADJOURNMENT

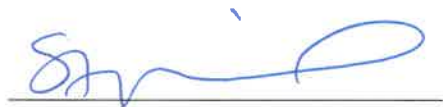
Board Vice President Stacy McPhail adjourned the December 12, 2022 special budget meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Perusek, Secretary

APPROVED:



Stacy McPhail, Vice President