

UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting

March 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm. Board members present were Kacy Stillings, Ken Besel, Travis Holton, and Steve Hanson. Deb Christner attended over telephone. John Walker was absent. Also present was Amber McPherson, Kurt Jones, and Larry Haak.

Minutes:

MOVED BY Steve Hanson to approve the December 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
SECONDED BY Travis Holton
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Election of Board Member:

Bryan Klaseen resigned from the Board of Directors prior to the March 2026 meeting.
MOVED BY Ken Besel to accept Larry Haak to fulfill the rest of Bryan Klaseen's term as a Board Member.
SECONDED BY Deb Christner
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes

Financial Report:

The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed for December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026
MOVED BY Ken Besel to approve the financials as presented.
SECONDED BY Steve Hanson
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

EOM Report:

The End of Month report data was received and discussed for December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026. Usage for December was 5,681,803 gallons, which was 1,348,380 gallons less than December of 2024 and 2,041,298 gallons less than December of 2023. Usage for January was 6,111,164 gallons, which was 1,522,999 gallons less than January of 2025, and 2,179,821 gallons less than January of 2024. Usage for February was 5,769,089 gallons, which was 2,505,484 gallons less than February 2025 and 1,261,094 gallons less than February 2024.

Low Level Reservoir:

The Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District has presented a concept to establish a low-elevation reservoir which could benefit the Town, USCDWUA and the Town of Orchard City. The GMWCD need a letter from USCDWUA supporting the intent of the low-level reservoir.
MOVED BY Travis Holton to write a letter for GMWCD supporting the low-level reservoir
SECONDED BY Kacy Stillings
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Hotchkiss Connection:

The town of Hotchkiss is interested in meeting in May to discuss the possibility of an emergency connection with USCDWUA.

Emergency Connection with town of Cedaredge:

The town of Cedaredge is very interested in pursuing an emergency connection with USCDWUA. This connection would be beneficial to both the Town and USCDWUA.
MOVED BY Steve Hanson to move forward with solidifying a plan for a beneficial connection for both the Town and USCDWUA.
SECONDED BY Ken Besel
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Old Business:

Water Line Replacement: Q25 Rd is started and moving along.
Education: Kurt now has a Distribution III license and is now ORC of Distribution.
Bank of CO Loan: Kacy Stillings will have more information on collateral needed at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm with no further business.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amber McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer