

UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
December 10, 2024

Deb Christner called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Call to the Meeting: Amber McPherson read the call to meeting; notice was published in the *Delta County Independent* on November 28 and December 5, 2024 issues.

Secretary Treasurer Report: Amber McPherson reported we have a quorum. We need 98 members to make up a quorum. We had 54 members present and 46 valid proxies for a total of 100 registered members.

Board of Directors Introduction: Deb Christner introduced herself and operators Tim Frey and Jed Poulson. Deb also mentioned Chuck Moore retired in August and will be hiring a new operator in the New Year. Deb also told the members what a great crew USCDWUA has now. Each of the Board Members introduced themselves: Steve Hanson representing Surface Creek, Bryan Klaseen representing Redlands Mesa, John Walker representing Surface Creek, Travis Holton representing Cedar Mesa, Ken Besel representing Cedar Mesa, and Kacy Stillings Member at Large. Amber McPherson Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer and Kurt Jones Operations Manager also introduced themselves.

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes: Were distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

MOVED BY Dave Whittlesey to accept the December 12, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes as written.

SECONDED BY Brad Stratman

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Operations Report: Kurt Jones informed the members of the progress made over the past year. The shop and plant were cleaned and organized, fixed multiple leaks, Milk Creek Line is completed, two new subdivisions infrastructure was installed, Sulkey line was replaced, new blow off on Hwy 65 at the State Barn was installed and a leak repaired, finished the addition to the shop (squirrel cage), upgraded the computer/software for the plant, Lead and Copper Corrosion Control installed. Just waiting to get the electricity and conduit to connect to the computer, and power to the Redlands Tank and Milk Creek Tank will be installed soon. A 5 year water usage report was distributed showing the amount of taps, loss percentage, and water usage.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Deborah Christner presented the 2024 Financial Report. We sold eight more taps than budgeted; we also had more expenses than budgeted. USCDWUA had an opportunity to purchase a dump truck for hauling. We had budgeted a total balance of \$272,138.03 but ended up with a total balance of \$452,503.32 due to selling more taps and not spending as much on the plant.

MOVED BY Steven Person to accept the 2024 Financial Report.

SECONDED BY Justine Zafran

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

2025 Budget: Amber McPherson presented the proposed Budget for 2025. Taps for 2025 are conservatively budgeted at 6. We budgeted an additional \$25,000 for Engineering Fees to finish PER reports to submit for USDA Loan/Grant. The cost of GAC Filters needed to fix HAA5 will be approximately \$600,000. In 2018 we had a pilot study done and the GAC Filters were only \$100,000 but because of the demand of GAC Filters to correct PFAS the price increase is significant. We are applying for USDA Loan/Grant which we are hoping for 80% Grant and 20% loan. In the grant we are applying for GAC Filters, replacing the Pall Membrane Filters with Filter Tech Membrane Filters, and Galvanized line replacement. The Reserve Budget shows the galvanized lines need to be replaced and when we plan to replace them in the next 5 years. The BOD also increased the installation fee from \$1,500 to \$2,000 because we are not covering the costs of the meter. The BOD also implemented a \$2.00 statement fee to take affect on March 31, 2025 to give people time to change the bill from mail to email. The statement delivery has nothing to do with how customers choose to pay their bills. Any merchant fees are passed through to the customer. Kacy Stillings explained merchant services are paid by the consumer or the company. USCDWUA does not pay for merchant services they are passed on to the members.

MOVED BY Richard Nelson to accept the 2025 Budget.

SECONDED BY Brad Stratman

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Election of Directors: Board members are elected to a two-year term. Board members whose terms expire 2024 are Deborah Christner (Redlands Mesa), Travis Holton (Cedar Mesa), and Steven Hanson (Surface Creek).

MOTION BY Dave Whittlesey to elect the current members by acclimation.

SECONDED BY Erik Fritchman

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Other Business: Questions were brought forth by the members.

Q1. Will the Caustic Soda cause quality issues with the water?

A1. Kurt Jones answered the caustic soda is so little it will be unnoticeable.

Q2. Control Burns are being planned by the Forest Service; what are we doing to protect our water sources from being contaminated by PFAS?

A2. Ken Besel answered the control burns will not be in our drainage system. Steve Hanson who is also on the Fire Department added the fire suppression used in this area is phosphate based and not the heavy retardant that is used for oil or chemical fires, which are the ones that contain the PFAS.

Q3. Do subdivisions have a meter for each lot or just one?

A3. Amber McPherson answered each house/lot has to have it's own tap and meter.

Q4. What are we doing about HAA5 violations?

A4: Working on the USDA Loan/Grant to install the GAC Filters.

No other questions were forthcoming.

MOVED BY: Sheryl Thompson to adjourn.

SECONDED BY: Curtis Babbitt

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amber McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer