

UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
December 10, 2019

Deb Christner called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Call to the Meeting: Amber McPherson read the call to meeting; notice was published in the *Delta County Independent* on November 27 and December 4, 2019 issues.

Secretary Treasurer Report: Amber McPherson reported we have a quorum. We need 183 members to make up a quorum. We had 60 members present and 130 valid proxies for a total of 190 registered members.

President's Report: Deb Christner introduced herself and informed the Members that Ellis Fritchman had resigned after 22 years of service and Kacy Stillings fulfilled his term. Each of the Board Members introduced themselves: Brad Stratman representing Surface Creek, Bryan Klaseen representing Redlands Mesa, Bill Elkins representing Surface Creek, Bob Halley representing Cedar Mesa, Kacy Stillings Member at Large, Dennis Grunkemeyer representing Cedar Mesa.

Deb informed the members Dayton has given his notice for 5 years and turned the mic over to Dayton and Amber to give updates on water operations and office operations.

Operations Report: Dayton gave an update on water operations:

Dayton informed everyone the average age of operators for USCDWUA is 60. We need to start hiring younger people now to begin training. This is not a job someone can train for 6 months and take over. Dayton explained we didn't get as many projects done as we had wanted due to problems, but one big project was completed in Dry Creek on Cedar Mesa Rd.

- We had a HAA5 violation in June due to run off. The maximum contaminant level is 60 ug/L for the year and our running average was 66.10 ug/L. We are back in compliance now our last test was 33.6 ug/L. We did a UV pilot test with Filter Tech and it didn't work. So, we are looking at alternatives now.
- We had a well drilled several years ago and it's only producing 17 gallons a minute, so we are still looking for an alternative source. If anyone has any ideas let us know.

Q1. How close were we to running out of water last year with reduced rainfall?

A1. We had 97-acre feet left going into last winter, which is about 6 months supply in the summer. Dayton explained everyone did a great job on conserving water. Out of Orchard City, Town of Cedaredge and USCDWUA, we did the best conserving water. Conservation is the key to keeping our water on the hill.

Q2. What does the water look like on the hill now?

A2. Dayton answered we have 52% carryover in the Surface Creek Valley. Last year we were at 10%. As far as snowpack, we are at the same spot we were a year ago.

Q3. What do the dams look like on the mesa?

A3. Dayton explained that they are old, and some are breached, and the companies are working with Engineers who are working with the State.

Q4. How many reservoirs do we have on the mesa?

A4. Dayton answered around 200 but only 20 or 25 feed into Surface Creek, which is where we get our water from.

Office Operations Report: Amber gave an update on office:

- The new utility billing software is running, and we have gotten a lot of kinks out.
- We went through and updated all the addresses to be USPS compliant, we are using a bulk mailing permit for every mailing and each postcard bill is \$.27 each instead of \$.35 each.
- The next big project will be to digitalize all meeting minutes so we can easily search for topics that keep popping up.

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes: Were distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

MOVED BY Dave Whittlesey to accept the December 11, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes as written.

SECONDED BY Harry Masinton

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Deb Christner presented the financial report for 2019.

MOVED BY Harry Masinton to accept the 2019 Financial Report.

SECONDED BY Loretta Molitor

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

2020 Budget: Deb presented the proposed Budget for 2020. The biggest increase is to payroll and education for hiring a new employee to start training. Dayton explained about the licensing requirements for the state. There was also discussion about GIS for meters. It was asked if we need to replace pressure reduction valves before they fail. USCDWUA works on making sure the valves do not fail by checking them once a month and we are able to rebuild them for considerably less than it is to purchase new ones.

MOVED BY Loretta Molitor to accept the 2020 Budget as presented

SECONDED BY Susan Whittlesey

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Restated Articles of Incorporation: The Articles of Incorporation needed to be Restated to bring them into compliance with the Bylaws that were being updated. Articles were presented to the members at the meeting and prior.

MOVED BY Thomas Meyers

SECONDED BY Kevin Fischer

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Restated Bylaws: The Bylaws needed to be restated due to the fact there were already so many amendments to the current Bylaws that it was difficult to keep track of them and the updates allows the board and personnel to conduct business with modern technology and incorporate changes in the law. Proposed Bylaws were presented to the members at the meeting and prior.

MOVED BY Loretta Molitor to accept the bylaws with the addition to Article 5, Section 1, e. providing for an annual external review.

SECONDED BY David Shinn

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Election of Directors: Board members are elected to a two-year term. Board members whose terms expire this year are Bryan Klaseen (Redlands Mesa), Dennis Grunkemeyer (Cedar Mesa), Bill Elkins (Surface Creek), and Kacy Stillings (Member at Large). Deb asked the Board members up for election if they were willing to serve again; all affirmed they were. Deb Christner opened the floor for nominations; none were forthcoming.

MOTION BY Loretta Moiliter to close nominations and current members re-elected by acclamation.

SECONDED BY Harry Masinton

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Other Business: Questions were brought forth by the members.

Q1. In years past, on another board finances were tight, and they discovered they could have a cell tower for additional income. Is this something USCDWUA would look at for additional income?

A1. Dayton said yes, it could be. We have several buildings we could put it on.

No other questions were forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amber McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer