

# UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting  
December 11, 2018

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 28 and December 5, 2018 issues.

**Secretary Treasurer Report:** Amber McPherson reported we have a quorum. We need 181 members to make up a quorum. We had 73 members present and 126 valid proxies for a total of 199 registered members.

**President's Report:** Deb Christner introduced herself and reminded everyone of Dan and Helens' retirement last year so there has been a bit of restructuring, Dayton Myers is the Operations Manager and Amber McPherson is the Office Manager. They have done an excellent job and made a very smooth transition. They also spruced up the office ripped up old carpet and repainted; it looks nice. Chuck Moore has been with USCDWUA for 1 year and Tim Frey for 11 years.

There were also Board Member changes: Jerry Figueroa represented Cedar Mesa for 24 years stepped down. Bob Halley agreed to serve the remainder of his term; his position is up for election. Herman Kline who represented Surface Creek, whose wife Bonnie made cookies for all those meetings, also stepped down after 40 years of service. Brad Stratman agreed to serve the remainder of his term. His position as well as Deb's is up for election tonight.

The other Board Members are: Bill Elkins representing Surface Creek; Bryan Klaseen representing Redlands Mesa; Ellis Fritchman is Member at Large; and Dennis Grunkemeyer representing Cedar Mesa. Deb 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:

- There had been violations the previous year we have gotten resolved and there were no new violations this year. The HAA5s are back in compliance and we are still working to find a less costly yet effective way to treat HAA5s. We are looking into UV Filters since the UV disables the HAA5. We will be doing tests during runoff which is our biggest issue.
- We had a well drilled last year and this past year was not a good year to test it. Run off will be the best time to test it.
- This year we had a lot of major leaks were fixed especially on July 4 and Labor Day. Overall the water use is 25% less this year than last year due to everyone on the system conserving water and USCDWUA finding leaks.
- Projects for the upcoming year are Rimrock Road; it's an old galvanized dead-end line. It will take approximately 3,000 feet to replaced it then eventually we will take the line from Rimrock to Redlands Mesa, which will help if there is another break on 2800 Rd or P25 Rd. USCDWUA started on 2550 Rd and want to finish up this year. Then we want to get Surface Creek Rd and T-50 Rd replaced as well. These are all old galvanized lines that were installed in 1960.

**Office Operations Report:** Amber gave an update on office:

- The big winter project was painting and replacing flooring in the office.
- We did a computer upgrade for the office.
- In May we had to update our procedure for emailing statements, which become a big project.
- In November we switched over to a real utility billing software; we are now able to save money on postage, allows online payment and viewing of bills online. Hopefully, when all the kinks are worked out will be more convenient for everyone.

**2017 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Were distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

MOVED BY Barbara Silverman to accept the December 12, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes as written.

SECONDED BY Tom Henry

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Deb Christner presented the financial report for 2018.

MOVED BY John Shriver to accept the 2018 Financial Report.

SECONDED BY Marvin Kieca

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

**2019 Budget:** Deb presented the proposed Budget for 2019. Health Insurance went down because we changed to Rural Water Association. Water testing is less because the L2 testing is completed. CDPHE is reclassifying water systems and right now USCDWUA is considered a Class B and Class 1 but will be Class A and Class 2. However, it will be a couple of years before it is mandated. Dayton also talked about the need for an SUV and backhoe. There was a discussion on telemetry for tanks to prevent the July 4 running out of water on Redlands Mesa.

MOVED BY Wendy Moder-Harrah to accept the 2019 Budget as presented

SECONDED BY Kathleen Morse

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: Deb Christner (Redlands Mesa), Bob Halley (Cedar Mesa), Brad Stratman (Surface Creek). Deb Christner opened the floor for nominations; none were forthcoming. A question was asked if they were willing to do a second term. All three agreed to serve another term.

MOTION BY Dave Whittlesey to re-elect the current board members for another term.

SECONDED BY Barb Silverman

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

**Other Business:** Questions were brought forth by the members.

Q1. What if we don't get water this year what happens?

A1. Dayton explained if Grand Mesa doesn't have water nobody has water.

Q2. Another question was asked if wells were allowed?

A2. Dayton explained for agricultural use only. They cannot be connected to the house; the State and USCDWUA have rules.

Q3. Another question was asked about when the water is off and then it comes back how the consumers know the water is safe to drink?

A3. Dayton answered it is always safe it's just normal sediment from the steel lines we have.

Q4. A question was brought up about fire on Grand Mesa what would happen?

A4. Dayton explained if there was a fire, we would always have at least 350,000 gallons available.

Q5. There was a question about using tail water?

A5. Dayton explained all the tail water is already spoken for.

No other questions were forthcoming.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Amber McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer