

UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
December 13, 2022

Deb Christner called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Call to the Meeting: Amber McPherson read the call to meeting; notice was published in the *Delta County Independent* on November 30 and December 7, 2022 issues.

Secretary Treasurer Report: Amber McPherson reported we have a quorum. We need 192 members to make up a quorum. We had 90 members present and 112 valid proxies for a total of 203 registered members.

Board of Directors Introduction: Deb Christner introduced herself and each of the Board Members introduced themselves: Steve Hanson representing Surface Creek, Bryan Klaseen representing Redlands Mesa, John Walker representing Surface Creek, Bob Halley 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. Kurt introduced the water operators of USCDWUA, Tim Frey, Jed Poulson, and Chuck Moore.

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: Were distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

MOVED BY Dave Whittlesey to accept the December 10, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes as written.

SECONDED BY Brad Stratman

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Structure Update: Ken Besel explained USCDWUA needs a licensed Class A Water and Class III Distribution operator to run. Benny Archuleta is now a contract ORC for USCDWUA. Ken explained current employees are working on getting higher licenses and USCDWUA is trying to be more proactive and not reactive to things. Deb Christner explained there are parts on the shelf to fix leaks as soon as they happen instead of waiting for parts to come in.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Deb Christner presented the financial report for 2022.

MOVED BY Nancy Wood to accept the 2022 Financial Report.

SECONDED BY Merle DeMoss

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

2023 Budget: Deb presented the proposed Budget for 2023. Operating costs have significantly increased as an example a barrel of Chlorine a year ago was \$348 now it is \$580. The main line from Milk Creek to Ute Trail is old, galvanized line that is leaking 11% of water treated a month. It is roughly 5,800 feet of pipe and currently it is 6"; we will replace at 12". The C-900 pipe alone for this replacement is \$275,000. The 2023 Budget was presented with current costs, \$45 Option and \$60 Option. USCDWUA budgeted for four taps. USCDWUA will apply for a loan for the pipe replacement and spread the cost out over the next few years to all the members. There was discussion about alternative water sources, which USCDWUA did try several years ago by drilling a well; it did not work. There was concern of selling more taps but due to the policy USCDWUA has of requiring an acre foot water for each tap there really is no concern. USCDWUA did have HAA5 violations due to the Chlorine Dioxide not being operational and having to treat with Chlorine. It was pointed out our yearly average is 64 however other countries in the world have an average of 80.

MOVED BY Shauna DeMoss to accept the 2023 Budget at the \$60 base rate to begin in January.

SECONDED BY Eric Fritchman

MOTION CARRIED with Five opposing votes.

Bylaw Amendment: The current Quorum for USCDWUA as stated in the By-Laws is 20%. Discussion ensued over pros/cons of the quorum requirement.

MOVED BY Shauna DeMoss to change the current quorum By-Law from 20% of members to 10%

SECONDED BY David Shinn

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Ratify 2021 Election of Directors: Board members are elected to a two-year term. Board members whose terms expired 2021 are Bryan Klaseen (Redlands Mesa), Ken Besel (Cedar Mesa), John Walker (Surface Creek), and Kacy Stillings (Member at Large).

MOTION BY Dick Nelson to Ratify the 2021 Board of Directors

SECONDED BY Lawrence MacKendrick

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Election of Directors: Board members are elected to a two-year term. Board members whose terms expire 2022 are Deb Christner (Redlands Mesa), Bob Halley (Cedar Mesa), and Steve Hanson (Surface Creek).

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

SECONDED BY Bryan Klaseen

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

Other Business: Questions were brought forth by the members.

Q1. What is the water on the Mesa looking like?

A1. John Walker reported there is currently 8" of water and slightly above normal.

Q2. What happened to the valve box on Cactus Park Rd?

A2. Amber answered that it was run over by a vehicle and was broken. USCDWUA received money to repair it. Kurt also explained about the pipe replacement happening from Canto Rd to just before 2600 Rd and Cactus Park Rd. now.

No other questions were forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amber McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer