

UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC  
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were Deb Christner, Steve Hanson, Ken Besel, Travis Holton, John Walker (left at 7:35 pm), and Kacy Stillings. Bryan Klaseen were absent. Also present was Amber McPherson and Kurtis Jones.

**Minutes:**

MOVED BY Ken Besel to approve the April 14, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

SECONDED BY Travis Holton

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

**Financial Report:**

The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed for April 2025.

MOVED BY Kacy Stillings 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 April 2025. Usage for April 2025 was 124,388 gallons more than April of 2024 and 90,515 gallons less than April of 2023. Usage was higher than last year due to it being drier than last year.

**USDA Update:**

The person we were working with in the Delta USDA office is no longer working there. We are now working with someone from the Wray office. We must do a land collateral for the USDA Grant/Loan application.

According to Element Engineering, it can be any land USCDWUA owns. It will require a Phase I ESA study.

Element Engineering is going to apply for a grant for the ESA study. USCDWUA needs to decide which piece of land it will be.

MOVED BY Ken Besel to submit the Upper Redlands Tank Property for collateral for the USDA Grant/Loan application.

SECONDED BY Steve Hanson

MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

**Bank of Colorado Loan:**

The collateral of the Bank of Colorado loan was discussed.

**Personnel:**

The on-call policy was discussed. The BOD will discuss further in an executive meeting.

**Old Business:**

Water Line Replacement: T75 will be started this week.

Reconnect with Cedaredge: The current town administration is interested in reconnecting.

Funding for Distribution: Application is waiting on the ESA Phase I study.

Education: Jed has his Distribution III license and going for Operator B license. Kurt will be going for his Distribution III license.

Lead & Copper Inventory: Potholing is completed and our line inventory is in its final stages.

American Rivers Mitigation: Contractor is working with Wright Water Engineers to put together database and maintain it for projects and also working in conjunction with the Forest Service.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:57 pm with no other business.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Amber McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer