

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

(Unapproved and subject to change)

Held on November 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board Conservation Committee of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD or District) was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the District office located at 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, Utah.

This meeting was conducted electronically in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (Utah Code Ann. (1953) §§ 52-4-1 et seq.) and Chapter 7.12 of the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual (“Electronic Meetings”).

Trustees Present:

Lyle C. Summers, Conservation Committee Chair
Corey L. Rushton
Greg R. Christensen
Barbara Townsend
Karen Lang
Sherrie L. Ohrn
Dawn R. Ramsey
Reed Gibby

Trustees Not Present:

John H. Taylor

Others Present

Stacie Olson, Assistant Water Director, Riverton City

Staff Present:

Bart Forsyth, General Manager/CEO
Dave Martin, CFO/Treasurer
Alan Packard, Assistant General Manager
Shazelle Terry, Assistant General Manager
Matt Olsen, Assistant General Manager
Martin Feil, Database Administrator
Jason Brown, Information Systems Department Manager
Reid Lewis, General Counsel
Kurt Ashworth, Human Resources Manager
Shane Swenson, Engineering Department Manager
Brian McCleary, Controller
Margaret Dea, Senior Accountant
Brian Callister, Maintenance Department Manager
Gordon Batt, Operations Department Manager
Todd Schultz, Analytics & Outreach Manager
Linda Townes, Public Information Manager
Beverly Parry, Executive Assistant
Jessica Morgan, Administrative Assistant
Courtney Brown, Conservation Programs Manager

Shaun Moser, Conservation Garden Park Manager
Clifton Smith, Business Data Analyst
Amanda Strack, Conservation Coordinator
Bailey Petty, Conservation Coordinator
Megan Hatch, Marketing Communications Coordinator

The meeting was brought to order at 3:02 p.m. by Mr. Lyle Summers

Approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2020

Mr. Summers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020, Conservation Committee meeting. Ms. Barbara Townsend moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Karen Lang seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as follows:

Mr. Lyle Summers – aye
Mr. Reid Gibby – not present
Mr. Corey Rushton – aye
Ms. Dawn Ramsey – aye
Ms. Karen Lang – aye

Ms. Sherrie Ohrn – aye
Mr. Greg Christensen – aye
Mr. John Taylor – not present
Ms. Barbara Townsend – aye

Public Comments

No public comments.

Discuss purpose and plan for adoption of the District's Water Efficiency Standards in the retail service area

Mr. Matt Olsen introduced the agenda item by referring to the resolution adopted in November 2019, which established JVVCD's Water Efficiency Standards (Standards). Since that time, staff has been researching methods to incorporate the Standards in the District's retail service area. Mr. Olsen explained some of the challenges for JVVCD in implementing the Standards, similar to some Member Agencies: 1) non-municipal water providers do not have land-use jurisdiction to adopt the Standards through ordinance, and 2) the retail service area spans multiple land-use jurisdictions.

Mr. Olsen said that staff has identified a potential approach by which the Standards could be applied in the District's retail service area and that Mr. Alan Packard would provide additional background. Mr. Packard stated that the proposed method requires additional analysis and could be one of many options for implementing the Standards. He then reviewed key elements of the proposed method, which includes the following: 1) new connections for all customer classes (residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional) will be required to comply with the Standards, 2) applicants for new service connections will submit a performance bond to be held by the District until the landscaping complies with the Standards, and 3) all existing retail service connections are exempt and may still qualify for landscape incentives. Mr. Packard stated that a new connection that complies with the Standards will result in a lower impact on the system and may justify a new meter category and adjustments to the tiered rate structure.

Ms. Sherrie Ohrn supported the direction of using the rates to enforce long-term compliance with the Standards. She discouraged using compliance management as a means of enforcement.

Mr. Greg Christensen pointed out that redevelopment projects that keep existing meters will not be affected by the Standards. He also stated that the implementation of Standards will be challenging for agencies without land-use authority.

Mr. Packard responded that the proposed method appears to be viable for agencies without land-use jurisdiction and confirmed the potential for some redevelopment projects to avoid the Standards.

Mr. Corey Rushton pointed out that the Standards are a component of long-term water supply planning and are intended to delay the need for development of costly new water supplies. He asked for further explanation on how this applies to the District's retail service area.

Mr. Packard responded that the Standards are intended to apply to all new connections to avoid the expense of new water supplies. It is important that they be consistently applied across all of JVVCD's service area, including wholesale and retail. New water supplies are intended for lands outside of JVVCD's current boundaries.

Mr. Christensen and Mr. Rushton both inquired about how the retail area might have a condition that is similar to a Member Agency needing to increase its contract amount.

Mr. Olsen explained that widescale adoption of the Standards will ensure Block 1 pricing for JVVCD's existing retail and wholesale areas. By adopting the Standards in the retail area, Block 2 rates would not be applied in this area, in the same way that they would not be applied for Member Agencies that increase their contracts and adopt the Standards. Block 2 pricing would then only be applicable to new lands or instances where a Member Agency exceeds current contract levels.

Mr. Olsen continued the presentation by describing in more detail how the new water service process could be changed to support the Standards. The concepts included: 1) methods for posting and refunding the landscape performance bond, 2) adding an additional rate tier to the retail rate structure, and 3) creating a new meter size category.

Mr. Christensen suggested JVVCD's tier thresholds be compared with its Member Agencies.

Mr. Rushton pointed out the importance of achieving all of the major goals and objectives of the rate design, which includes revenue stability and predictability.

Mr. Olsen then shared the proposed implementation schedule that would coincide with budget preparations for the 2021/2022 fiscal year and would allow time for JVVCD to inform individual cities within its retail service area of the implementation of the Standards. It is recommended that adoption and implementation of the Standards in the retail area begin at the start of the new fiscal year in July 2021.

Reporting Items

Due to time constraints, the reporting items were not verbally reported on and are provided in the packet as follows:

- a. Locascapes Status Report
- b. 2020 Garden Education Programs Report
- c. 2020 Landscape Leadership Grant Update

- d. 2020 Utah Water Savers Program Update
- e. 2020 Homebuilder Rewards Update
- f. Member Agency Grant Program Update
- g. Public Outreach Update
- h. Fundraising Progress Report
- i. Foundation Activities Report

Adjourn

Mr. Summers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Townsend moved to adjourn. Mr. Reed Gibby seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Lyle C. Summers, Conservation Committee Chair

Date

Matthew D. Olsen, Assistant General Manager

Date