

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

(Unapproved and subject to change)

Held on September 8, 2020

A meeting of the Board Conservation Committee of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD or District) was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. electronically, via Webex, hosted at the District office located at 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, Utah.

Trustees Present:

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

Trustees Not Present:

Karen Lang

Others Present

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 3:00 p.m. by Mr. Lyle Summers

Approval of the Minutes of August 10, 2020

Mr. Summers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020, Conservation Committee meeting. Ms. Sherrie Ohrn moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Barbara Townsend 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 – not present

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

Public Comments

No public comments.

Discuss Landscape Leadership Grant application for the NOVVA Data Center project

Mr. Reed Gibby joined the meeting.

Mr. Matt Olsen briefly explained the Landscape Leadership Grant program, which provides incentives for highly visible landscaping projects and targets commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential common area landscapes. JVVCD provides up to 50% of related landscaping and promotional costs, up to \$50,000.

Mr. Olsen then introduced a grant application from NOVVA, Inc. for a request of \$50,000 in funding. The expenditure level requires approval by the Board of Trustees. The NOVVA Data Center Campus is located at 6400 West 9600 South in West Jordan, Utah. The project will consist of 385,000 square feet of water-efficient landscaping and includes entrances, park strips, parking lot islands, streetscape, paths, detention basins, and many other landscape features. Turf areas will consist of unmown, low-water turf, and some areas of artificial turf. Mulch, groundcover, native seeded areas, and hardscapes will also be used. All plant material areas will be watered with drip irrigation.

Mr. Olsen noted that the landscape architecture firm contracted by NOVVA employs a former JVVCD seasonal garden staff member. The design was guided specifically by the former employee with the intent of receiving the grant. The estimated annual water savings for the project is 19.06 acre-feet, which results in an estimated cost of \$201 per acre-foot of water saved. The project meets or exceeds the program guidelines and would be an ideal project for the program.

Mr. Lyle Summers asked for clarification on how the cost-per-acre-foot was determined.

Mr. Olsen responded that it was calculated using 4.5% interest over a 20-year period.

Mr. Greg Christensen clarified that the facility is not only a data center but also a company headquarters.

Review Member Agency Grant Program application from Herriman City

Mr. Olsen reviewed Herriman City's previous participation in the Member Agency Grant Program and described its latest grant application of \$46,324 for two conservation measures. The first is a Tier 1 project that involves the construction of a new neighborhood park along Midas Creek in Herriman. The park is designed to eliminate unnecessary lawn, showcase waterwise landscaping, and will feature a volleyball court, pickleball court, gaga pit, and pavilion/picnic area. Landscaping will consist of rock mulch, lawn, trees, perennials, ornamental grasses, and ground cover watered with drip irrigation and efficient sprinkler heads. The second project, determined to be a Tier 2 project, includes the landscape design for seven unfinished detention basins and up to fourteen park strips throughout the City where landscaping was never installed. Landscape and irrigation designs will be completed for each site, which will be constructed in the future.

Mr. Christensen asked for clarification on what a gaga pit is.

Mr. Olsen responded that it is a modified form of dodgeball in an octagonal court.

Mr. Gibby provided positive feedback on the District's use of the grant program's tiered funding structure.

Review Member Agency Grant Program application from Granger-Hunter Improvement District

Mr. Olsen stated that Granger-Hunter Improvement District (GHID) is a regular participant in the Member Agency Grant program and recently submitted an application requesting \$53,300 for five water conservation programs as follows: 1) WaterSense showerheads and spray nozzles for new customers, 2) Conservation calendars with waterwise tips, promotion of water conservation programs, Utah Water Savers, and community outreach events, 3) Large water meter replacements and educational opportunity for the Vivante HOA, 4) Conservation advertisements, welcome packets, and brochures for new customers, and 5) Water system leak detection program consulting services.

Mr. Corey Rushton pointed out that waterwise relandscaping projects often require modifications to meet city ordinances and requirements. When GHID relandscaped its headquarters, it required extensive communication with the city to formulate a plan that met these restrictions. The project was successful and provided staff with education on challenges homeowners face when participating in these types of relandscaping projects.

Mr. Summers asked if this is the first time the District has funded a leak detection program and provided positive feedback and support for these types of measures.

Mr. Olsen responded that outside of funding some pilot water audit trainings which seek to quantify water loss, he recalls it being the first time funding has been requested for a project like this.

Mr. Rushton stated that GHID hopes this project leads to significant discoveries and improvements in water efficiency and savings.

Reporting Items

The reporting items were reviewed by Mr. Courtney Brown as follows:

a. Localscapes Status Report – Landscape contractors and designers who join Localscapes Partners can participate in Localscapes Rewards and are eligible to receive incentives.

b. 2020 Garden Education Programs Report

c. 2020 Landscape Leadership Grant Update – The NOVVA Data Center Campus project discussed today is a large project that will be very visible and positive for the program. Another project is the Gansen Lane Subdivision (an Alpine Homes Development). The project includes a detention basin, park, and residential common area.

d. 2020 Utah Water Savers Program Update – There has been continued high participation in Localscape Rewards, Flip Your Strip, and landscape consultations. The participation for those programs is significantly higher for 2020 than in previous years.

e. 2020 Homebuilder Rewards Update

f. Member Agency Grant Program Update – Ongoing projects for this program include projects by South Jordan City, Kearns Improvement District, and WaterPro. Projects by Herriman City and Granger-Hunter Improvement District are pending consideration by the Board.

g. Public Outreach Update

h. Fundraising Progress Report – During the month of August, three donations were received from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Amazon Smile, and Salt Lake County.

i. Foundation Activities Report – Mr. Olsen noted that the Foundation is substantially complete with its capital fundraising for the Localscapes Exhibit.

Adjourn

Mr. Summers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gibby moved to adjourn. Ms. Dawn Ramsey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Lyle C. Summers, Conservation Committee Chair

Date

Matthew D. Olsen, Assistant General Manager

Date