Ute Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
October 14, 2026

Meeting No. 1,024 of the Ute Water Conservancy District's Board of Directors and the Ute Water Activity Enterprise was called to order by President Ben Miller at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.

ROLL CALL

Board members at the meeting included Briana Board, Pat Brennan, Carl Conner, Dan Cronk, Tammy Eret, Greg Green, Ken Henry, Ben Miller, Bruce Talbott, Troy Waters, and Bob Wilson. Robert Thome attended remotely. Robert Foster and Sally Huddle were absent.

Ute Water employees at the meeting included Nick Bierman, Sam Briscoe, Avan Crespin, Adrian Galindo, Jamie George, Cliff Grey, Dusty Kreigshauser, Andrea Lopez, Jeremy Lyon, Natalee Machuca, Justin Marchun, Tim Moore, Brett Murphy, Scott Olsen, Pat Orient, Dave Priske, and Greg Williams. Jesse Klingler attended remotely. Ute Water's general counsel, Chris Geiger, also attended.

Guests included Kim and Trevor Grosse. John Crumlin and Christa Waters attended remotely.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trevor Grosse said that a sheriff's sale on October 22nd will auction properties to satisfy the District's lawsuit settlement with the Rudy Fontanari Trust. Because his home at 3305 E ¾ Road appeared on the published list, Mr. Grosse asked the board to purchase other properties instead, noting that he believed enough vacant properties existed to cover the judgment.

Kim Grosse also urged the board not to acquire any properties at the sheriff's sale, including hers and Mr. Grosse's, as part of the District's settlement with the Rudy Fontanari Trust. She asked that the board avoid properties with homes on them.

There being no further public comment, the public comment portion of the meeting concluded, and no action was taken.

MINUTES

Director Henry moved to approve the September board meeting minutes No. 1,023. Director Brennan seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the September board meeting minutes.

BILLS

Director Green moved to approve the September bills. Director Board seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the September bills.

AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES TOUR MINUTES

President Miller moved to approve the Agricultural Enterprises Tour minutes. Director Talbott seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the Agricultural Enterprises Tour minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer Wilson moved to approve the Finance Committee minutes. Director Green seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the Finance Committee minutes.

WATER & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Director Brennan moved to approve the Water & Construction Committee minutes. Treasurer Wilson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the Water & Construction Committee minutes.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT

District Engineer Dave Priske updated the board with more details on the proposed 2027 capital improvement projects.

DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Superintendent Tim Moore reported that crews will begin work on 14 Road next month. So far, they have installed about 500 feet of the project's 5,000 feet of waterline.

TREATMENT & SOURCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Lab Manager Brett Murphy reported that with the recent rainfall, Plateau Creek peaked on October 13th at 264 cubic feet per second. According to Mr. Murphy, these peak flows exceeded the peak flows during earlier spring runoff by more than 100 cubic feet per second.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Finance Director Scott Olsen informed the board that September 2026 residential consumption was down 13 percent compared to September 2025. Mr. Olsen reminded the board that a Joint Finance and Wage & Benefits Committee Meeting will be held on October 20th.

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Human Resources/Risk Manager Jamie George informed the board that next year's open enrollment process has begun. Mrs. George thanked the External Affairs Department for helping ensure the portal was updated and for editing the recorded presentations so employees and their dependents could review the information and presentations at home, if needed.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

No additional questions were asked of the External Affairs Department.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Greg Williams gave the board a snowpack update following the recent precipitation. According to SNOTEL sites, Mesa Lakes measured 6 inches of snow with 1.2 inches of water content, and Park Reservoir measured 9 inches of snow with 2 inches of water content.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Chris Geiger provided an update on the Shoshone Water Rights Preservation efforts, including the proposed mediation costs.

Mr. Geiger also commented that, regarding the public comments made by Mr. and Mrs. Grosse, it was not an error or a mistake to include their parcel on the list for the Sheriff's sale, as it is subject to the District's judgment lien, because at the time the judgment lien was recorded, the property was owned by the Fontanari Trust, to which it was later conveyed to the Grosses, which will be discussed further in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - FONTANARI MATTERS

President Miller moved to enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 to discuss settlement opportunities in Case No. 15CV3090; Ute Water v. Fontanari. The subject is suitable for executive session because it involves determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); discussions regarding the purchase or acquisition of real property, C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); and receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). Director Green seconded. The board voted unanimously to enter executive session.

Participating in the executive session were board members present, General Counsel Geiger, General Manager Williams, department heads present, and External Affairs Coordinator Natalee Machcua.

The executive session was held to discuss settlement opportunities, pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(4)(e), 24-6-402(4)(a), and 24-6-402(4)(b). During the executive session, the board discussed settlement opportunities in Case No. 15CV3090, Ute Water v. Fontanari.

No additional information or discussion was provided, and the board took no action.

GENERAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

No additional information or discussion followed.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Cronk

Dan Cronk, Secretary