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MINUTES

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD

195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
May 22, 2019

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Grant	Mike Luers
Steven Early	Gregg Galecki
Jim Webb	Alan Matheson
Brandon Gordon	Emily Niehaus (On Phone)

Excused: Jim Vanderslice

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Ellen Bailey	Judy Etherington	John Mackey
Robert Beers	Erica Gaddis	Jeanne Riley
Ben Brown	Matthew Garn	Jerry Rogers
Emily Cantón	James Harris	Kim Shelley
Marsha Case	Ben Holcomb	Lenora Sullivan
Ryan Curtin	Brenda Johnson	Beth Wondimu
Skyler Davies	Andrea Kilbane	

OTHERS PRESENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization Representing</u>
Scott Baird	Department of Environmental Quality
Bryan Meadows	Green River City
Kathy Ryan	Green River City
Devan Shields	Green River City
Greg Anderson	Kearns Improvement District
Riley Astill	Kearns Improvement District
Pamela Gill	Kearns Improvement District
Gordon Evans	South Valley Sewer
Justin Atkinson	Sunrise Engineering
Alex Buxton	Zions Bank

Ms. Grant called the Board meeting to order at 9:30 AM and took roll call for the members of the Board and audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2019 MEETING

Motion: Mr. Galecki moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting. Mr. Luers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion: Mr. Galecki nominated Ms. Grant as the new Chair for the Water Quality Board. Mr. Earley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Luers nominated Mr. Galecki as the new Vice-Chair for the Water Quality Board. Mr. Earley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

National Level

- The 401 Water Quality certification program provides states and tribes the authority to ensure that state water quality laws are not violated by the issuance of a federal permit/ license.
 - Water Quality Certification Improvement Act of 2019 addresses concerns about states use of the tool to delay important energy projects.
 - Executive Order on Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth directs EPA to develop new rules and guidance for the program.

State Level

- The Willow Creek spill near Highway 19. From a truck rollover there was between 300 and 500 gallons of crude oil released into Willow Creek about 4 miles above the confluence of Price River with no detectable contamination in the Price River. An under road culvert was blocked quickly by crews at the scene. The spill was cleaned up by crews in several days.
- The Ogden Swift building is currently owned by the City of Ogden and is being considered for re-development. In 2018, an EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment was conducted on behalf of the City of Ogden at the site. This assessment documented more than 40,000 abandoned containers of chemicals including flammables, corrosives, toxic substances, water reactives, potential explosives and other dangerous chemicals. The site was referred to EPA's Emergency Response Unit. The City of Ogden granted the EPA access to the property on March 19, 2019 and the EPA initiated response operations on March 29, 2019. The EPA has ramped up the treatment of water reactive materials found on-site. The EPA is working to bring a full water treatment system on-line.
- Headwater NNC Rulemaking. There were substantial comments during the Public Notice process. The Rulemaking will be finalized in June.
- Dr. Gaddis updated the board on the Integrated Report and call for data.

- Nonpoint Source program. Water Quality has received 59 applications totaling \$3.3 million in requests. The targeted basin for the year 2020 is the Jordan River, Utah Lake and the Provo River. Water Quality has granted 41 of the 59 projects.
- In Garfield County the Division of Water Quality has teamed up with the Utah Geological Survey and a Garfield County study to assess water quantity and quality issues related to growth and commercial expansion in the Bryce Canyon area.
- Dr. Gaddis also reported that she attended a legislative meeting regarding the need for a state-wide study of wastewater and stormwater.
- Dr. Gaddis asked the Water Quality Board to consider allocating money and how the board would like information presented for septic density studies. These studies were previously deferred by the Water Quality Board. There was a request made to the legislature for funding but that request was not funded during the last session. It is expected that there will be 1 or 2 requests per year for funding for septic density studies that will come before the Board. The Board would like to see those requests as they are submitted.
- Dr. Gaddis asked for an additional board member to be on the Sudweeks Award Committee as Myron Bateman's term on the Water Quality Board has expired. Mr. Luers and Mr. Earley had previously agreed to choose one of the Sudweeks nominees. Mr. Galecki agreed to be the third board member on the committee.
- DEQ held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Technical Support Center.
- The division launched an internship program. Water Quality will be recruiting for 5 interns for the summer.
- Dr. Gaddis introduced new employees Ms. Ellen Baily, Ms. Andrea Kilbane and Mr. Ryan Curtin.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Grant presented recognition of service on the Wastewater Operator Certification Council to Mr. Gordon Evans.
- Ms. Grant presented recognition of service on the Water Quality Board to Mr. Myron Bateman. Mr. Bateman served two terms on the Water Quality Board.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Financial Report: Mr. Rogers updated the Board on the Loan Funds and Hardship Grant Funds, as indicated in the packet.

Green River City Request for Hardship Planning Advance: Ms. Wondimu presented the city's request for a hardship planning advance in the amount of \$54,000 to complete a wastewater facility plan to evaluate alternatives and to identify needed wastewater collection and treatment system improvements.

Motion: Mr. Earley moved to approve the **hardship planning advance** in the amount of \$54,000. Mr. Galecki seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Webb opposing the request.

Kearns Improvement District Introduction to Request for Construction Assistance: Mr. Mackey (representing Mr. Ken Hoffman) presented the city's request for construction assistance in the form of a loan from the Utah Water Quality Board in the amount of \$4,595,000 for construction of a new pump station and sewer collection lines in support of community growth.

Public Comments:

- Board Member, Mr. Gregg Galecki commented that Scofield Reservoir shut downs affect the town of Scofield and the town needs better notification of those closures.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Early seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

To listen to the full recording of the Board meeting go to: <http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>

Next Meeting – June 26, 2019
195 North 1950 West
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Jennifer Grant, Chair
Utah Water Quality Board