Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 (12:00 PM)
Mountain Valley Bank Community Room
2220 Curve Plaza, Steamboat Springs, CO
Online Meeting:

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Minutes

Chairman Jim Haskins called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

In addition to Chairman Haskins, Directors present during all or part of the meeting included Katie Berning, Kevin McBride, CJ Mucklow, John Redmond, Nicole Seltzer, Tom Sharp, and Mynon Woodley. Leah Wolf Martin was present over Zoom during the meeting. Present from Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) for all or part of the meeting included General Manager Andy Rossi, Public Affairs Manager Holly Kirkpatrick, Business Manager Dianna Schoen, and Finance Manager Karina Craig. General Counsel Bob Weiss and Special Counsel Scott Grosscup were present over Zoom during all or part of the meeting. Others present in person for all or part of the meeting included Lindsey Marlow, Erin Stewart, and Jackie Brown. Others present over Zoom for all or part of the meeting included Bob Woodmansee, Michael, Mike Smith, Mendi Figueroa, Jessica Christian, Kelly Watson, and Taylor Adams.

This meeting was held in person and by videoconference utilizing Zoom. The meeting agenda included instructions to the public describing the process to participate in the meeting and comment on agenda items.

The following agenda was proposed:

Agenda

(1) **12:00 PM** Establishment of Quorum and Call to Order

(2) **12:00 PM** Approval of Agenda for Meeting **Action item**

(3) **12:05 PM** Public Input and Comment
The Board will make no decision nor take action, except to direct the General Manager. Those addressing the Board are requested to identify themselves by name, organization, if any, and address. Comments shall not exceed three (3) minutes.

(4) **12:10 PM** Board Member Reports
   a. Board Member Disbursements

(5) **12:15 PM** Consent Agenda **Action item**
   a. Approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting
   b. Financials
      i. Approval of Disbursements
      ii. Budget Comparison
   c. CPW Water Supply Contract

(6) **12:30 PM** Report of Finance Manager

a. Audit Presentation **Action item**

(7) **1:15 PM** Report of General Manager

a. General Manager's Report

b. Augmentation Plan Updates

(8) **1:30 PM** District Engineer Report

a. Update on Reservoir Water Status

b. Stagecoach State Park Water Supply Source Update

c. Water Quality Monitoring Update

(9) **2:30 PM** Public Information Updates

a. Grant Disbursements

b. New Grant Application

c. Community Events

(10) **3:00 PM** Pending Water Cases

a. Water Resumes

b. Status of Other Water Cases

(11) **3:20 PM** New Business (Limited to emergency matters that came up During the course of the meeting) **Action item**

(12) **3:25 PM** Executive Sessions:

a. Executive session under CRS § 24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss legal issues on Water Resumes, Water Cases, Contract Negotiations and______________________(insert description) . Mere presence or participation of an attorney at an executive session is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of CRS § 24-6-402(4)(b). Executive sessions to discuss legal matters are not recorded.

b. Executive session under CRS § 24-6-402(4)(e)(I) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators with respect to ______________________(insert brief description). This session will be recorded, and a copy of the recording maintained for not less than 90 days.

c. At the conclusion of an executive session and the resumption of the public meeting, the Chairman will announce that if any person who participated in an executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session, or that any improper action occurred during an executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, that such person state their concern for the record.

(13) **3:30 PM** Board Actions in Regard to Executive Session

(14) **3:35 PM** Determination of Next Meeting(s) Agenda(s)

(15) **3:45 PM** Adjournment.

Chairman Haskins established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Meeting Agenda. Director Redmond moved to approve the agenda. Chairman Haskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Public Input and Comment. Chairman Haskins invited members of the public to comment on items not otherwise scheduled on the agenda. There was no comment.

Board Member Reports. There were no Board Member reports. Board Member disbursements were provided.

Consent Agenda. Director Sharp moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Chairman Haskins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Report of General Manager.

General Manager's Report. General Manager Rossi reported on his participation in a new strategic steering committee for the Mesa University Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center, which received a $300,000 grant from the Colorado River District.

Augmentation Plan Updates. The Board reviewed the augmentation plans summary document and the status of current public requests.

District Engineer Report.

Update on Reservoir Water Status. General Manager Rossi provided an update on the reservoir water status and current flow rates. He reported that Stagecoach Reservoir's fill season ended early due to limited inflow, with approximately 1,000 acre-feet stored. He also discussed the potential approval of the Colorado Water Trust in stream flow loan at the upcoming CWCB Board Meeting and discussed the flexibility of the program.

Stagecoach State Park Water Supply Source Update. General Manager Rossi reviewed the Stagecoach Reservoir drilling project which involves drilling up to three test wells by Aztec Drilling Company. He noted they would test wells in priority order starting with the most promising location and potentially having a dual supply system with redundant lake water as backup. General Manager Rossi discussed potential impacts of reduced water levels on the boat ramp and equipment that was purchased to assist in boat ramp operations.

Report of Finance Manager.

Audit Presentation. Finance Manager Craig reviewed the process and schedule of the 2025 Fiscal Year Financial Audit. Board Members were encouraged to ask questions of the Auditors. Auditors Kelly Watson and Jessica Christian, from Watson Coon Ryan LLC, presented the audit results. The District received an Unmodified Opinion, the highest level of opinion that can be received. There were no adjustments to the financial statements. Auditor Christian noted the audit showed a healthy financial position. She reviewed expenses, revenues, assets, liabilities and cash flows. Director Mucklow moved to accept and approve the audited financial statements. Director Berning seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

District Engineer Report (continued).

Water Quality Monitoring Update. Erin Stewart from Spheros Environmental reviewed water quality monitoring, modeling, and management strategies for Stagecoach Reservoir and the surrounding watershed.

Pending Water Cases.

Water Resumes. Special Counsel Grosscup noted that there were no new water resumes of concern to the District in the past couple of months.

Status of Other Water Cases. Special Counsel Grosscup provided an update on the various water court cases in which the District is a party. For Case 23CW3025, the Moffat County Umbrella Augmentation Plan, Special Counsel Grosscup recommended approval of the proposed stipulation consenting to the proposed Ruling of Referee. Director Sharp moved that the District approve the execution of the proposed stipulation with the Moffat County application for its augmentation plan. Director McBride seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. For Case 24CW3029, the Coal Creek Diversion Pipeline, Special Counsel Grosscup noted he would file the stipulation with the Forest Service. Director Sharp moved to approve the stipulation with the Forest Service as presented by Counsel. Director McBride seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Cases 24CW3031 PSCO and 25CW3008 Storm Mountain Ranch are being monitored. For Case 25CW3019, the Stagecoach Reservoir Diligence, Counsel is waiting on Division Engineer's consultation report.

Public Information Updates.
Grant Disbursements. Public Affairs Manager Kirkpatrick reported that approximately $10,450 remains in the original $200,000 allocation for the Diversion Infrastructure Improvement Project. There are two pending applications that would use up these remaining funds. She noted an increase in interest in the Project due to enforcement of water measurement rules.

New Grant Applications. Manager Kirkpatrick noted that Yampa Valley Stream Improvement Charitable Trust may revise their application for the Hardrock Stream Improvement Project and re-submit for consideration. Jackie Brown and Lindsay Marlow with Friends of the Yampa presented a new project proposal. They are exploring purchasing a $3.5 million lot on the Yampa River for the purpose of building a river center and are seeking input on collaboration and partnership opportunities. The next steps include performing a legal review, identifying core partners, and conducting a feasibility study to assess the project's viability and potential alternatives. The Board expressed interest in participating in a cooperative river center but emphasized the need to evaluate location options and consider trade-offs between cost, accessibility, and foot traffic. The Board discussed project alignment with the District's Strategic Plan and concerns about funding planning grants versus actual project work.

Community Events. Public Affairs Manager Kirkpatrick provided an update on upcoming community events including the Yampa Basin Rendezvous, Yampa River Festival, Colorado Water Congress and Yampa Youth Water Festival. Board participation was encouraged.

New Business. There was no new business.

Executive Session and Board Action Regarding Executive Session. There were no Executive Sessions.

Determination of Next Meeting Agenda. The agenda for the July 15, 2026 Board Retreat was reviewed. General Manager Rossi noted that an update on the UYWCD Strategic Plan progress will be provided and a discussion on Grant Program policies will be on the agenda.

Director Redmond moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 PM. Chairman Haskins seconded the motion.

I certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct summary of the proceeds at the above referenced meeting.

Andy Rossi, District Secretary/Manager

Date: 7/15/26