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Minutes for the South Weber Water Improvement District Board Special Meeting held Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Water District Building. Board members in attendance included Jan Ukena, Darren Hess, Cindi Mansell, Nate Reeve (via telephone), and Perry McCorkle.

Water Conservation Discussion.

Darren referenced the April 21, 2021 letter from Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company in which they informed SWWID that due to low reservoir levels and projected runoff, the Weber River system flow conditions are minimal. Therefore, they set the current delivery volume to be 3.69AF/share, which is significantly lower than normal due to the extreme drought conditions (75% of normal). He said since that time, he had been frantically searching for available shares to purchase and had been able to secure 82.5 additional shares from five different locations. He said even with those on top of the 3.69AF/share, the District was looking at a reduction in water of 551.4.

The Board reviewed the distribution chart from 2020, noting the 551.4 was approximately the amounts utilized monthly during hot months like July and August. Discussion followed regarding various ideas to how to make the water last through the summer yet still try and accommodate the system users. The hope was that users would understand and try to conserve (on top of additional measures such as water meters, letters, water cops, citations, and potentially ultimate water shut off). There was immediate need to educate the users and make them aware of the dire situation and the Board discussed the best way to communicate that information. Darren said grass could come back from dormancy, but trees and shrubbery required watering. Discussed followed regarding various methods of approach, including days of watering, and whom regulations should apply to (schools, churches, parks, etc.).

Darren disclosed that he worked for Weber Basin Water Conservancy District but would in no way receive any type of financial or other incentive for offering shares for sale. He said the District would be willing to sell SWWID 100 Acre Feet of water for a one-time purchase at \$475 per AF. He said that water would be coming directly out of their storage, but could help the District. He said if they purchased the shares, that amount would need to be paid every year from that point on. He said most shares sold would be immediately reduced from 100 to 80 to accommodate the necessary 20% reduction in water, but he felt due to the dire situation that possibly SWWID could actually acquire the full 100 shares to assist in their plight.

Darren explained there have been many years of drought, with only 2011 and 2017 being categorized as “wet years”. He said this was most likely a problem that would continue for all

users. Further conservation efforts were discussed and the Board determined water turn on would remain Saturday, May 1, 2021 and an educational letter would be pushed out to the water users in whatever manner possible as to the new watering regulations that are necessary due to the drought conditions and water reductions in force across the entire State of Utah.

Ms. Ukena made a motion for SWWID to immediately purchase 200 Acre Feet directly from Weber Basin Water Conservancy District at the quoted price of \$475 per AF; for watering days to be established at one day per week from May 1 until June 1; and two days a week thereafter until the water was gone (odd house numbers would water Tuesday & Friday only/even house numbers would water Monday & Thursday only; there will be zero watering on Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday/farmers would be the only exclusion from these seasonal regulations that are immediately necessary). Mr. Reeve seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Mr. Hess abstaining from the vote.

New Business.

Mr. McCorkle explained he was in the field a lot and would like to have his systems maps laminated at a cost of \$35. The Board felt that was appropriate.

Adjourn.

Ms. Ukena moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Mansell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted on this 12th day of May for Board review and approval.

Minutes taken by Board Secretary, Cindi Mansell
(In the absence of the District Clerk)