

**CITY OF MOAB**  
**WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2022**

The Water Conservation and Drought Management Advisory Board held its regular meeting electronically on the above date. An audio recording of the meeting is archived at <http://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>, and a video recording is archived <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCVWQPgPGWI>.

**Written Determination to Conduct Electronic Meetings**

Board Vice Chair Hultquist read the written determination into the minutes.

**Regular Meeting— Call to Order and Attendance:**

Water Board Vice Chair Arne Hultquist called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM. Participating remotely were Water Board Members Kara Dohrenwend and Steve Getz. There are four vacant seats on the Water Board currently. City staff participating remotely were Sustainability Director Mila Dunbar-Irwin, City Engineer Chuck Williams, and Recorder Sommar Johnson.

**Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2021**

**Motion:** Board Member Getz moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Dohrenwend seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion passed 3-0 with Board Members Getz, Dohrenwend, and Hultquist voting aye.

**Board and Staff Reports:**

Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin reported that the Water Conservation Plan has been adopted. She said there will be a water conservation workshop with the new council and mayor on February 22 at 3:30 PM. She said the workshop will include policy discussions, a green infrastructure presentation, and a WaterNOW presentation.

City Engineer Williams reported that construction of the well facilities for Well #12 will be completed at the end of the month. He said Well #12 will be online in June.

Board Vice Chair Hultquist reported that the upcoming MAWP meeting will be virtual. He reported that there will be a meeting on Friday with USGS, UGS, and Utah Division of Water Rights about monitoring the brine layer in the Matheson Wetlands. He said there will also be a meeting on Friday with Grand County to discuss a monitoring proposal for the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network.

**Action/Discussion Item: Water Board Letter to City Council**

Board Vice Chair Hultquist introduced the topic and requested that Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin review the options for presenting the letter to Council. Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin suggested sending the letter via email to the council and the mayor. Board Vice Chair Hultquist said he would reach out to Councilmember Derasary or Jones to determine if the Water Board should be on an upcoming Council agenda. There was a discussion about a City Councilmember joining the Water Board to replace Board Member Duncan. Board Vice Chair Hultquist said he would send the letter to the council and mayor. He said that he would contact the mayor to determine the next steps for the Water Board.

### **Action Item: Meeting Schedule for 2022**

**Discussion:** Board Vice Chair Hultquist inquired about the meeting schedule for 2022. There was a discussion about meeting every other month instead of monthly.

**Motion:** Board Member Dohrenwend moved to continue with every other month on the second Wednesday of the odd months. Board Member Getz seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Board Member Getz inquired when the WaterNOW Alliance would finish their project. Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin said the Alliance will present to Council on February 22 and to the Planning Commission on February 24. She said the date for the finished project is not determined yet. There was a discussion about the Water Board reviewing the presentation before final implementation.

**Vote:** The motion passed 3-0 with Board Members Getz, Dohrenwend, and Hultquist voting aye.

### **Discussion Item: Recommending New Board Members**

Board Vice Chair Hultquist inquired about the plan for recommending new board members. Board Member Getz requested that one new board member be a City Councilmember. There was a discussion to confirm that a quorum for the Water Board equals three members. There was a discussion about advertising for new board members in the newspaper and on social media. City Recorder Johnson said that she will coordinate with the mayor to confirm what information to put in the newspaper and on social media.

### **Discussion Item: WaterNOW Presentation Regarding Greywater and Landscaping**

Board Vice Chair Hultquist inquired about submitting suggestions to the WaterNOW Alliance. He shared his document with thoughts on the WaterNOW presentation and asked the Water Board for feedback. Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin said the WaterNOW Alliance is partnering with Western Resource Advocates on the Moab project. Board Vice Chair Hultquist reviewed the document he drafted. Board Member Dohrenwend said greywater can be a little problematic in our climate. She inquired if the document would be sent to WaterNOW from the entire Water Board. Board Vice Chair Hultquist said that if the board agrees on parts of the document, then those parts can be sent to WaterNOW from the board. If there is not agreement, then the document would be submitted by him personally instead.

Board Member Getz said he plans to compare the finished WaterNOW product to the San Juan Ordinances. There was discussion about the different sections of the document. Board Vice Chair Hultquist said he would review the document and then send it to Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin, who would forward it to the WaterNOW Alliance team.

### **Discussion Item: USGS National Groundwater Monitoring Network**

Board Vice Chair Hultquist reviewed the different options for groundwater monitoring. He reviewed what the USGS National Groundwater Monitoring Network does. He said that Grand County wants to apply for a grant for this program. He added that he would like the Water Board to ask the city to support the process of compiling data in one location which the county would be in charge of.

City Engineer Williams inquired if they want data from monitoring and production wells. Board Vice Chair Hultquist proposed the following sentence: "The City of Moab Water Board recommends the Moab City Council and Staff support Grand County's effort to become a groundwater monitoring data provider to the National Groundwater Monitoring Network." Board Member Getz inquired if the data would be accessible to anyone. Board Vice Chair Hultquist confirmed that the data is open to the public.

Board Vice Chair Hultquist said he would work with Sustainability Director Dunbar-Irwin to get the recommendation to Council.

**Adjournment:** Board Vice Chair Hultquist adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.

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