

## Cedar/Beaver Watershed Council Organizing Meeting

### Attendees:

Dusty Wiseman – Milford Pumpers

Mark Nelson – USU

Cody Staheli – Enterprise Farmer

Jason Brown – Beaver City

Matt Robinson – Smithfield Foods

Brandon Yardley – Beaver County

Tyce Palmer – UDAF

Sam Halterman – Farmer

Alma Adams – Farmer

Jake Benson – UDAF

Stephanie Hill – Iron County School District

Amber Hatch – UDAF

Paul Bittmen – Cedar City

Rob Dotson – Enoch City

Seth Davie – Rocky Ford Irrigation

Tammy Pearson – Beaver County

Tyler Allred – Kanarraville

Paul Monroe – CICWCD

Nick Braithwaite – Division of Wildlife

Paul Cozzens – Cache County

Rick Webster – DWRe

Andy Rasmussen – The Langdon Group

Hollee Wood – The Langdon Group

Russell Barrus – DWRe

Carly Payne – DWRe

Spencer Jones – CICWCD

Jason Bradshaw – NRCS

Jennifer Marshall – Beaver County

Terri Hartley – CICWCD

David Harris – CICWCD

Candace Schaible – DWRe

Shay Goff – Beaver County School District

### Meeting Notes:

- Officer terms: members can serve terms of either 2 or 4 years
  - If members don't have a preference on their term lengths, TLG will randomly assign them
- The Utah Watershed Councils Act requires meetings to be held at least quarterly, though the meetings will likely be more frequent in the first 6-12 months
- The recommendation for the first year is for the council is to get to know one another and to get to know the resource
  - Get out and on the ground and tour the watershed and determine what current needs/issues are
- The council is welcome and encouraged to create subcommittees for whatever topics or needs they feel is needed for the council
  - Liaisons can participate on these subcommittees
- These councils are still a work in progress and there is a potential for funding or project work to become a part of these councils going forward
- State will look to these watershed councils to help write their sections of the statewide water plan
- This council will apply for certification at the next Utah Watersheds Council meeting, held on April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Statewide council will approve or conditionally approve organizing documents and letter of application

Organizing Documents:

- These councils are intended to be grassroots efforts and to not have regulatory power
- Councils can identify local needs and/or issues of the local watershed and roll those needs/issues up to the state
- These councils are not intended to replace any existing organizations
- To be on the council, a person must reside or work within the watershed or own or control the right to divert water within the watershed
- Organizing document template does not include the addition of a secretary, but almost all the previously certified councils have added a secretary and identified its duties
  - Council members had a discussion and agreed to include the role and duties for secretary within the organizing document
- Organizing document template, in part IV. Council Meetings, section 6. Creation of an Agenda. says that each meeting agenda needs to be sent to council members at least one week prior to each meeting. Other councils have struggled to maintain that timeframe, and it was recommended that the language of the document be changed to the state statute instead, which requires agendas be available by 24 hours prior to each meeting.
  - Council members agreed to this change
    - Motion to make this change made by Tammy Pearson
    - Seconded by Jason Brown
      - Motion unanimously approved
- Council members also discussed pros and cons of the number of voting council members currently present. A quorum must be present to hold a meeting, and a majority of council members must agree to a vote for it to pass – quorums and majorities get larger (and thus harder to obtain – especially if people stop showing up to meetings after the initial momentum slows) as your group gets larger. While having greater representation and participation is great, it can cause difficulties when attendance numbers are low.
- The council agreed to approve the organizing document template, with the amendments as discussed during this meeting (addition of secretary role and duties, and change in language for agenda as previously described)
  - All council unanimously approved to accept organizing documents as amended during this meeting

Interests:

<p><b>Agriculture</b>                  Mark Nelson                  Brandon Yardley                  Stephanie Hill</p>	<p><b>Industry</b>                  Matt Robinson                  Tyler Allred                  Paul Cozzens</p>	<p><b>Indian Tribes</b></p>	<p><b>Public Water Suppliers</b>                  Jason Brown                  David Harris                  Paul Bittmen                  Terri Hartley</p>
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<b>Water Planning and Research Institutions</b> Spencer Jones	<b>Water Quality</b> Jennifer Marshall	<b>Fish and Wildlife</b> Tammy Pearson	<b>Water Dependent Habitat and Environments</b> Seth Davie Shay Goff
<b>Watershed Management</b> Jake Benson	<b>Mutual Irrigation Companies</b> Dusty Wiseman Alma Adams	<b>Local Sponsors of Reclamation Projects</b> Cody Staheli Scott Stubbs	<b>Liaisons</b> Jason Bradshaw Tyce Palmer Amber Hatch Candace Schaible Rick Webster Nick Braithwaite

Nominations:

- Chair
  - Brandon Yardley
  - Tammy Pearson
- Vice Chair
  - Dave Harris
- State Council Representative
  - Tammy Pearson
  - Spencer Jones
  - Tyler Allred
- Secretary
  - Jennifer Marshall
  - Stephanie Hill

Approved Nominees:

- Chair
  - Brandon Yardley
- Vice Chair
  - Dave Harris
- State Council Representative
  - Tammy Pearson
- Secretary
  - Stephanie Hill

Next Steps:

- Next Utah Watersheds Council meeting: Statewide Watersheds Council meetings are posted to their website here: [Utah Watersheds Council – Utah Division of Water Resources](#)
  - The next meeting will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm

- Can attend in person at DNR's office (1594 W N Temple, SLC)
- Can attend virtually using this Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/tsm-kzvj-urq>