

## Sevier River Watershed Council Organizing Meeting

### Attendees:

Brett Bunker – Delta City Council/Farm Bureau	Mike Roberts – Sevier River Water Users
Kelly Carter – Delta City Council	Jared Smith – DMAD
Andy Nickle – Mellville Irrigation Company	Jody Gale – USU
Blaine Ipson – Sevier River Water Users Association/IPP	Emery Polomena – Hopi Tribe
Trevor Barnson – Farm Bureau	Rick Webster – DWRe
McKay Morgan – Circleville Irrigation Company	Andy Rasmussen – The Langdon Group
Dustin Christensen – Richfield Canal Company	Hollee Wood – The Langdon Group
Mike Larson – Ephraim Irrigation Company/Sanpitch Board	

### Meeting Notes:

- Council members read through the organizing documents and made adjustments as agreed upon
- Council questions:
  - What constitutes a quorum?
    - Simple majority
  - Do we want to include the addition of a secretary role?
    - A secretary will help with minutes and to help have an additional officer
  - Reimbursement/per diem?
    - Although there is not compensation for participation on the council, there is reimbursement for travel to meetings and council functions. Langdon Group or Rick Webster will send out the instructions and forms for reimbursement.
    - Money is also available for a field trip to help council members get out and see the resource
- Mike Larson gave brief overview of Casey Snider’s water bill – Water Related Changes (no bill number currently)
  - Mimics UDOT’s approach to macro projects
  - Everyone comes forward with their projects and then group at the state prioritizes those and funds projects until they run out of funding
  - Bill is still anticipated to have significant edits
  - Bill defines “macro project” - projects under 1 million can still be funded but would fall under a different category (as is now, but could be changed during editing process)
  - Would pay into this fund in order to receive funds later on “user fee”
  - Similar to how other states are set up
  - Requires some amount of long-term planning (will be sophisticated for larger cities but can be more broad or vague for farmers or smaller irrigation companies)
  - Bill is currently being vetted – brought to commission as number one bill this year
    - Farm Bureau has been involved

Organizing Documents:

- Motion to change organizational document language within Section 3. Member Selection: change “at least 2 individuals nominated” to “one individual nominated” and change “council shall” to “council may”
  - Blaine Ipson made motion
  - Seconded by Brett Bunker
    - Motion unanimously approved
- Other adjustments to the organizing documents
  - remove item xii from II. Membership Section 2. Member Qualifications
  - remove “a Great Salt Lake Watershed Representative (if applicable)” from III. Officers. Section 1. Officers
  - remove both instances of “a Great Salt Lake Watershed Representative (if applicable)” from III. Officers. Section 2. Officer Elections
  - remove item e. The Great Salt Lake Watershed Council Representative from Section 5. Officer Duties.
  - Remove item iii from part b in Section 9. Electronic Meetings
    - Motion to accept organizing document with the above amendments
      - Motion made by Brett Bunker
      - Motion seconded by Trevor Barnson
        - Motion unanimously approved
- Term lengths will be half of the council members serving 2 years and half of the council members serving 4 years – halves will be balanced geographically

Interests:

<b>Agriculture</b> Dustin Christensen Brett Bunker Trevor Barnson	<b>Industry</b> Blaine Ipson	<b>Indian Tribes</b> Corrina Bow Emery Polelonema	<b>Public Water Suppliers</b> Keith Mogan
<b>Water Planning and Research Institutions</b> Jody Gale	<b>Water Quality</b> Kelly Carter	<b>Fish and Wildlife</b> Zack Sampson	<b>Water Dependent Habitat and Environments</b> Andy Nickle Loni Hammond
<b>Watershed Management</b> Chad Anderson	<b>Mutual Irrigation Companies</b> Matthew Mills Jared Smith Mike Larson McKay Morgan	<b>Local Sponsors of Reclamation Projects</b> Mike Roberts	<b>Liaisons</b>

Nominations:

- Chair
  - Andy Nickle
- Vice Chair
  - Dustin Christensen
- State Council Representative
  - Andy Nickle
- Secretary
  - Jody Gale
  - Mike Larson
    - Motion made by Blaine Ipson
    - Seconded Trevor Barnson
      - Trevor retracted his second
      - Blaine retracted his motion
  - Kelly Carter
    - Dustin Christensen made motion
    - Brett Bunker seconded motion
      - Motion unanimously approved

Approved Nominees:

- Chair
  - Andy Nickle
- Vice Chair
  - Dustin Christensen
- State Council Representative
  - Andy Nickle
- Secretary
  - Kelly Carter

Next Steps:

- Next Statewide Watersheds Council meetings are posted to their website here: [Utah Watersheds Council – Utah Division of Water Resources](#)
  - The next meeting will be held January 18<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/uwm-vegx-vsg>
- Schedule next meeting:
  - Next Sevier River Watershed Council Meeting: April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at Richfield DNR complex building