#### **MINUTES**

#### CENTRAL VALLEY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

# Thursday, April 17, 2025 Central Valley Board Room 3:30 p.m.

# **Board Members Present:**

Chair Debra Armstrong Granger-Hunter Improvement District
Vice Chair Don Russell Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District

Member Kim GalbraithCottonwood Improvement DistrictMember Keith LordMt Olympus Improvement DistrictMember Cheryle HatchKearns Improvement District

Alternate Member Ben Ford Murray City

Alternate Member Craig Giles City of South Salt Lake

#### **Staff Members Present:**

Phil Heck General Manager

Brandon Heidelberger Assistant General Manager Justin Zollinger Chief Financial Officer

Graham Gilbert Legal Counsel

Jake Crookston IT Services Manager

Cindie Foote Employee Services Manager/Board Secretary

Kevin Gallagher Construction Supervisor

Bryan Mansell Chief Engineer

Navneet Prasad Electrical Controls Engineer

Mike Lee Controller

LeAnn Dipo Human Resource Manager

#### **Staff Members Present Electronically:**

Sharon Burton Facility Superintendent

# **Member Entity Representatives Present:**

Greg Neff

Giles Demke

Stephen Rowher

Jason Helm

Cottonwood Improvement District

Mt Olympus Improvement District

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Granger Hunter Improvement District

Greg Anderson Kearns Improvement District James Woodruff Kearns Improvement District

Mark Chalk Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District

Brandon Richards Murray City

**Visitors Present:** 

Trevor Lindley Brown and Caldwell

# **Visitors Present Electronically:**

Skyler Davies Division of Water Quality
Dan Griffin Division of Water Quality

A complete copy of each exhibit referred to in these minutes is filed in the official Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility Board Book. Chair Debra Armstrong conducted the meeting. Keith Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Galbraith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the March 26, 2025 board meeting.

MOTION: Kim Galbraith SECOND: Cheryle Hatch

The motion passed with the following individuals voting in the affirmative: Debra Armstrong, Don Russell, Keith Lord, Ben Ford, Craig Giles, Kim Galbraith, and Cheryle Hatch.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were received.

#### GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

- 1. Reminder of the upcoming WEAU Annual Conference in St. George April 22-25. CVWRF staff will be giving several presentations, and the Operator Challenge Team will be competing.
- 2. CVWRF staff met today with Marcus Faust, a lawyer and federal lobbyist. We believe he may be of great assistance in procurement of property for the biosolids application site. More information will be forthcoming in a future board meeting.
- 3. Plant tour of the construction projects was scheduled immediately following the May Board meeting.

# OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT TRAINING

Mr. Graham Gilbert presented the required annual Open and Public Meetings Act training. A copy of the PowerPoint training is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.

Questions relating to requirements of closed sessions were asked. Mr. Gilbert stated that items discussed in CVWRF's closed session may not be discussed in open meetings of individual districts. Also, legal advice given in a closed session of CVWRF carries attorney/client privilege. But when that legal advice is shared back with the district, it loses its attorney/client privilege and could be subject to deposition.

# SELECTION OF HVAC CONSULTANT

Mr. Brandon Heidelberger detailed the procurement process CVWRF staff undertook in selecting an HVAC consultant to help in evaluating, design and construction of HVAC improvements primarily in the Power Generation Building and possibly the Administration/Laboratory Building and the UV Disinfection Building.

CVWRF prepared an RFQ soliciting interested HVAC engineering consultants to submit statements of qualifications. Five firms responded. Of the five, the top scoring firm was WHW Engineering. CVWRF checked three of WHW's references for overall experience including project delivery, changes during construction, project manager and team experience and desire to rehire the firm. All three references returned positive remarks.

Based on the above information, CVWRF is proceeding the negotiation on a master services agreement including a scope of work and fee with WHW for the Power Generation Building HVAC Upgrades.

# **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Mr. Justin Zollinger presented the first quarter financial report. The first quarter budget summary report was reviewed. This summary compares the annual budget spent year to date versus the annual budget target. All departments were within target percentages, with the exception of the Laboratory. The Laboratory has begun to operate the Mass Spectrometer ICP which required startup resources at the beginning of the year. These costs will normalize through year end, and cost benefit will be in reduction of cost for outsourcing tests that will now be done inhouse.

Mr. Zollinger reviewed the Bond Debt Budget detail, Final Bond Calculation detail, and Debt Service Coverage Ratios.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

Kevin Gallagher presented a drone video of the following projects:

BNR Basins Project Blower Building Project Thickening and Straining Building Project Dewatering Building Upgrade Project

Mr. Brandon Heidelberger gave some context in reference to the process start-up. Completion of the Blower Building and the blowers specifically, are critical path in the sequencing of the transition to the new process. Startup on the new blowers began last month and we encountered a few issues, primarily with the motors. Some motors have been sent for troubleshooting, and we are still encountering issues. There have been oil leaks in some of the other motors. Some of these leaks have been fixed with minimal work, however blower motor number 3 was pulled and sent to the local shop for evaluation. Because of these issues, there are scheduling concerns. This resulted in CVWRF sending a notice of noncompliance to the supplier. This should ensure their attention to resolving these issues in a more timely manner. We need to have at least three fully commissioned blower motors before we can transition from the old blowers to the new blowers which provide air to the process. We hope to have the cutover done in the next 2-3 weeks so the sequencing can continue toward startup of the BNR process.

Last week we reached a milestone with the start up of Reactor #2 in the sidestream nitrogen process. There are two tanks also called reactors in that process. Reactor 1 has been running for over a year and has had great ammonia nitrogen removal performance. The electrical gear necessary to operate Reactor 2 has been slow in delivery, however we started it up on power that was run through temporary cables from another area of the plant. Once the final electrical gear is received (expected in July), we can put the Reactor on permanent power. We were able to seed the reactor with Anammox bacteria transferred over from Reactor 1. It takes about 4-6 weeks to get the Anammox bacteria to grow to the point they are effectively removing ammonia nitrogen.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Debra Armstrong stated that the Performance/Flow Monitoring and Engineering Progress reports are included in the board packet.

There were no other comments or questions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Don Russell made a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Don Russell SECOND: Ben Ford

The motion passed with the following individuals voting in the affirmative: Debra Armstrong, Don Russell, Keith Lord, Ben Ford, Craig Giles, Kim Galbraith, and Cheryle Hatch.

Cindie Foote
Board Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.