

Water Committee Meeting Notes – 11/25/26 4:00 p.m. to 5:08 p.m.

Present: Rosemary Carroll, Denise Holding, Andy Garland, Nathan Lunstad, Paul Strader, and Wendee Aguilar.

Quick recap

The team discussed various administrative matters including water. They focused extensively on plans for an upcoming January 8th informational meeting about water system options for Lake Rockport Estates, with detailed discussions about consolidation benefits, financing possibilities, and presentation preparations. The conversation ended with updates about staffing changes and office locations, along with final preparations for the upcoming water systems presentation.

Next steps

- Nathan: create PowerPoint presentation for January 8th community meeting
- Nathan: look into funding limitations for seasonal water systems and include in presentation
- Nathan: have staff provide financial information for PowerPoint presentation
- Andy: explore bond feasibility for \$7.58 million Phase 1 project with Zion's Public Finance
- Wendee's: send Word document version of community letter to Nathan for review and edits
- Nathan: review community letter document and provide feedback/edits
- Nathan: email water systems about new district engineer Julie Cobboy starting December 6th

Summary

Lake Rockport Water Options Meeting

The group discussed plans for an upcoming informational meeting on January 8th regarding water system options for Lake Rockport Estates, with a focus on providing transparency about Mountain Regional as a potential water provider. Nathan offered to prepare supporting documentation and a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the benefits of consolidation, while Andy noted that some community members haven't seen the Bowen Collins study and raised concerns about easements and funding uncertainties. The meeting will include both informational slides and a Q&A session, with plans to follow up with a survey to gauge community interest in Mountain Regional, using the 75% rule as a decision threshold.

Water System Consolidation Planning

The group discussed water system consolidation options, with Nathan explaining that while funding is challenging due to the economic climate, there may be more funding opportunities through a year-round community water system. Andy noted that seasonal water usage could limit funding options, while Nathan and others emphasized that consolidation would provide better technical, managerial, and financial capabilities. The discussion highlighted that while some residents oppose growth on the mountain, there is likely community majority support for year-round water service, and Nathan agreed to prepare a PowerPoint presentation with factual information about the benefits of consolidation, which the group planned to review several days before the presentation.

Water System Financing Options

The group discussed concerns about water system improvements and financing options. Paul and Denise emphasized that homeowners' biggest worry was the initial cost, while Wendee's inquired about bonding options for the \$7.58 million Phase 1 project. Andy agreed to explore financing possibilities with Zion's Public Finance and shared that previous communities had successfully spread costs over 30-year loans through water bills. The team agreed to review and refine a draft letter to the community regarding payment scenarios, with Nathan's team offering to provide feedback on the document.

Water Systems Meeting Planning Discussion

The group discussed plans for an upcoming meeting about water systems, agreeing to structure it with presentations followed by open comments, with a suggested time limit of one hour. They decided to collect some questions in advance through a Google form to organize and address them efficiently. Andy shared details about his new office space, and Nathan announced the hiring of Julie Cobboy as the new district engineer for Summit County, starting December 6th. The team also discussed the need to email updates about Julie Cobbly's appointment to local water systems and confirmed Mountain Regional's new office address at 5739 Paintbrush Road.

January Meeting Prep and Updates

The team discussed preparations for an upcoming meeting on January 8th, with a final prep meeting scheduled for January 6th at 4 PM. Nathan agreed to work on a PowerPoint presentation, and Rosemary offered to help with the presentation if needed. The group agreed to communicate online and share documents in the meantime. Rosemary mentioned reading about Utah's audit results, which highlighted water infrastructure as a top concern. The team expressed gratitude for each other's contributions and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.