

EAST DUCHESNE CULINARY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Centennial Event Center
Board Meeting – May 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM

The East Duchesne Culinary Water Improvement District (EDCWID) board meeting was called to order by the Chairman Matthew G Betts, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Attendees:

Chairman Matt Betts, Vice Chairman Chet Hansen, Connie Sweat, Clinton Moon, District Manager Josh Byrnes, Jose A Vasquez, Jason Broome from Forsgren Engineering, Brock Harrison from Jones & DeMille, and Clerk/Administrative Assistant JoAnn Evans taking meeting minutes.

Absent:

Board Member Chet Clayburn

Public Comment:

None

Discussion & Consideration of Yearly Open Meeting Act:

This is a reminder to make sure the board members have all their trainings done.

Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes of April 8, 2026, regular meeting. Vice Chairman Chet Hansen motioned to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting. Board member Clinton Moon seconded the motion. All board members voted aye and the motion passed.

Review of Budgets, Accounts Payable, Bank Statements, and Payroll, Etc.

Board Member Connie Sweat motioned to approve the accounts payable, bank statements, and payroll as presented. Vice Chairman Chet Hansen seconded the motion. All board members present voted aye and the motion passed.

Review of usage for Crescent Energy/Javelin Per Contract:

The water is still shut off. Josh has been told that they would like it to be turned back on soon. It has been reviewed.

Discussion & Consideration of Jose A Vasquez Subdivision:

After some discussion as to what lines would need to be put in for this subdivision, it was determined that Mr. Vasquez would need to go to a surveyor first to start the minor subdivision. He would then need to visit planning & zoning.

Discussion & Consideration of pipeline for Russell DeWar:

Mr. DeWar did not come to the meeting. Mr. DeWar gave a plat map to District Manager Josh Byrnes. The board members would like to look it over before making a decision. There is a 40 ft easement already in place. Mr. Dewar needs to come talk to us at the next board meeting.

Update from Forsgren Engineering Jason Broome on Various Projects:

Utahn Pipeline & Tank:

District manager Josh Byrnes stated the tank was filled and the testing is almost over. Jason Broome from Forsgren Engineering stated that he and Josh did a walk through the Utahn Tank. JRock needs to fix a release valve, and they need to fix some items in the PRV vault. This will close out their construction items. We still need to get as built drawings and an O&M manual from them. We are still waiting for the extended warranty and maintenance bond. One of the things that needs to be decided is whether to do the paperwork to get the money from the bond. The last thing is the budget. We have periodically talked about the extra costs that have incurred and what we still owe them. The additional costs are approximately \$275,000 and we have \$350,000 left in the contract that needs to be paid out. We should consider sending them a letter stating that unless they provide the remaining documents we will keep the remaining \$75,000 difference.

We have asked Patriot to send us the warranty manuals, and they sent us a letter stating that the warranty has been voided. Josh will send the letter to the board members.

Blue Bench Pump Station:

They have returned the drawing and will start producing the pump station package. It will take 6 to 8 months to receive the delivery. By the end of the year, we should start to see the product. The color and finish will be natural finish concrete without any color added.

Blue Bench site package:

It is about 75% drawing, and it will be a simple design. Jason and Josh have talked about needing a standby generator there. It could be permanently placed or put one on a trailer. These types of generators are pricey. Sunbelt rental could bring one within an hour. Jason said he will contact the state; they might want it tied to the site.

Blue Bench Pipeline

The drawing and specs are ready and waiting for when the board is ready to move forward. Forsgren is working on the easements and 5 out of the 20 are in place. Still working on getting the rest of the easements. We have sent out the second letter with stamped return envelopes and are thinking they will start coming in. We do not want to put this out to bid until the easements are in place.

Victory Pipeline

District manager Josh Byrnes stated the Victory Pipeline goes by the Bridgeland cemetery. It came apart at one of the joints. (A bend on one of the pipes) It was a factory weld. They had to have some parts built for the pipeline and that took a few days. When the parts got here, they were not the right parts. There is the potential of exposing our line when they start shoring up the sides.

Updates from District Manager:

- ❖ Meters – 2 Meters that need to be placed. Waiting for a permit from UDOT. They are asking for a Statewide Utility Agreement & Storm Drain Plan before they will issue the permit.
- ❖ Equipment Purchases – No Discussion

- ❖ Antelope Lines – No Discussion
- ❖ Delinquencies – These were discussed and there will be several that will need to be shut off by the end of the month if they do not get their bill caught up.

Consideration of Updated Items from District Manager:

UDOT meter connection is finished. There was a leak that sprung up. It wasn't on our side; it was on their existing line where they cut for the new line. It was about 4 feet away from the bell.

Josh was given the go ahead to talk with Gayle McKeacknie about an annexation. Mr. McKeacknie stated that the citizens need to start the ball rolling for the project. He also stated that he doesn't know of any law or rule that would compel the district to provide water.

Josh stated he has been asked to put together a conservation plan for our district. He is wondering if the board would be open to hiring someone to put together a conservation plan with the different elements of information that is out there. They would be liaison between us and others who have the information about a plan. As part of that he would like to see a tiered billing system that could be put in place with the new rates we plan on adjusting. Josh would like to propose that Kim Swasey chase down and put together the information as she has done this kind of thing in the past.

Josh has been doing inventory and is going through every part of our system. He started in Utahn. In Utahn there are 38 meters, 18 valves, 6 air vacs, 1 ARV, 4 flush valves and 7 hydrants. He has pulled the lid off every single one and verified they have insulation for the winter. He gives them a rating on how well they operate. He has done all Blue Bench except for those lower than the jail. They have found a lot of buried items. There are 143 meters on Blue Bench; 46 valves, 20 air vacs, 7 flush valves, and 17 hydrants. On 5000 South they have found some inaccuracies. He will go to the East River Road and Arcadia next.

Discussion & Consideration of Doing a Monthly Rate Increase:

Tabled – need more information.

Adjourned: 8:26 pm

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Matthew G. Betts
EDCWID Board Chairman

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JoAnn Evans
Clerk/Administrative Assistant