



Hildale / Colorado City Utility Advisory Board

Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Presiding Officer

Vice Chair Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call of Board Attendees: Utility Management Assistant

PRESENT

Board Member (Vice Chair) Sterling Jessop, Jr.

Board Member Theil Cooke

Board Member Ruth Steed

Board Member Dale Barlow, Jr.

ABSENT

Chair Ezra Nielsen

Staff Present: Jerry Postema (Zoom), Nathan Jessop, Athena Cawley, Jessica Bistline, Mitch Jessop

Public Present: Roger Carter, Thomas Timpson (Zoom)

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Presiding Officer

Board Member Cooke led the pledge.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Board Members

No conflict of interest were given.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Board Members

1. Utility Board Minutes of May 22, 2025.

The Board Members went over the minutes.

Motion made by Board Member Barlow, Jr., to approve the previous meeting minutes of May 22, 2025. Seconded by Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr..

Voting Yea: Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Cooke, Board Member Steed, Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Motion Carried.

Public Comments: (3 minutes each - Discretion of Presiding Officer)

No comments.

Financial Report:

2. Approval of Utility Financial Report and Invoice Register

Director Postema reported that all funds looked good for the end of the year with no budget overruns. He specifically noted that some cleanup was needed in the Fiber Fund regarding a double charge payment to line item 89-41-273, which would be corrected.

Motion made by Board Member Cooke, to approve the Utility Financial Report and Invoice Register. Seconded by Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr..

Voting Yea: Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Cooke, Board Member Steed, Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Motion Carried.

Reports:

3. Utility Monthly Report

Superintendent Fischer presented the May Utility Operations report, covering:

Gas: Additional gas main installations and services were completed. The report showed 7% unaccounted for gas, which balances out over monthly meter reading cycles due to varying meter reading times.

Sewer Operations: Drainage improvements were implemented to divert rainwater around lagoons, aiming to keep only sewer in the lagoons and maintain proper capacity.

Water Operations: One of the deep wells was rehabilitated after cave-in damage. Cluff Drilling cleaned the well and installed a new perforated casing. The well was restored to service with tanks at full capacity. No water restrictions are currently in effect, but mindfulness of watering is encouraged for the summer.

4. Utility Director Report and Updates

Director Postema presented:

Permitting: All well permits and blending plan approvals were obtained from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) just before the hot season.

Grants: WIFA (Water Infrastructure Finance Authority) grant application is in progress in Arizona. We are seeking a \$2 million grant portion of a total of \$5 million, including a \$3 million loan. CIB (Community Impact Board) grant from Utah is pre-qualified for up to \$3.4 million.

Booster Pump Station: Funding for the booster pump station project increased to \$829,050 (a grant and loan combination), which was approved through the Utah Division of Drinking Water. Bidding is expected to start soon, pending bond completion and property title clearance.

Fiber Mapping: Updates are continuing with a newer staff member leading technology improvements. A rate structure will be developed as there is no current one and no third-party provider contract. Services will be provided to schools, government agencies, the airport, and city buildings.

Innovation Center Water Line: Construction is complete, awaiting final inspection and state approval before being charged with water.

Unfinished Board Business:

None.

New Board Business:

5. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation to the City Councils to approve LOT #3208 Subdivision Preliminary Plat with conditions of a development water agreement.

Director Postema invited Thomas Timpson, the Engineer for the project, to present LOT #3208 Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Thomas Timpson presented the subdivision of approximately 0.71 acres into seven units for townhouse development. The project requires seven new water meters and sewer lateral extensions. A water main already exists along Academy Avenue for water meters, but sewer lines will need to be extended from the east property line. Each unit will have a separate utility connection and bill. Water demand is calculated at approximately 2,450 gallons per day for indoor use, with mostly desert landscaping and artificial turf planned. Fire protection will be provided by an existing hydrant on Willow Street and a new fire hydrant installed in line with the east property line, meeting the requirement of a hydrant every 300-500 feet.

The Board reviewed the subdivision as the Utility IGA states.

Motion made by Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, to recommend to the Councils to approve LOT #3208 Preliminary Plat and not require a development agreement on this particular subdivision due to the size and the quantity of water used. Jr., Seconded by Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Voting Yea: Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Cooke, Board Member Steed, Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Motion Carried.

6. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation to the City Councils to approve the Reservoir Acres Subdivision with conditions of a water development agreement.

The item is not ready for presentation. Tabled for a future meeting.

7. Consideration and discussion of the combined Radium Blending & MCL Compliance Plan for Hildale-Colorado City Water System.

Director Postema presented the approved blending plan from ADEQ, which requires weekly reporting to the Utah Division of Drinking Water. Individual well meters are needed for compliance and accurate reporting, as the current lack of meters prevents accurate tracking of pumping from each well. Only a few wells are currently metered, and older meters have failed due to iron and manganese.

8. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation to approve the purchase of meters for wells to comply with the Combined Radium Blending & MCL Compliance for Hildale-Colorado City Water System.

Lead Worker Jessop presented the new meters, costing between \$2,500 and \$2,800 each, will hook up to SCADA, read water to a tenth of a gallon, and are needed for eight wells. The total cost is estimated to be just under \$22,000.

Motion made by Board Member Steed, to approve the combined radium blending MCL compliance plan and recommend approval of well meter purchases not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Board Member Jessop.

Voting Yea: Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Cooke, Board Member Steed, Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Motion Carried.

9. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation to the City Council to approve Utility Truck Purchase in the amount of \$58,585. The funds will come from the Gas Fund.

Superintendent Fischer presented the need to replace a 13-year-old truck through trade-in. The new truck will be a work truck model with a diesel engine, capable of pulling equipment. It will utilize an existing high-quality service bed from the truck being traded in, which would cost over \$17,000 new. The goal is to replace older, high-mileage vehicles to reduce major maintenance costs and focus on routine services. The purchase will be made at state contract pricing.

Motion made by Board Member Barlow, Jr., to recommend to the City Council purchase of the truck to not to exceed \$63,000, with the funds coming from the gas fund. Seconded by Board Member Cooke.

Voting Yea: Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Cooke, Board Member Steed, Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Motion Carried.

10. Updates on the repair for the caved in Well.

Lead worker Jessop provided an update on the caved-in well. He explained that rock chips from a previous cave-off had slowly disintegrated the pump over the past year. The well then collapsed and filled with dirt over the winter. When attempts were made to turn it on in the spring for summer use, it produced only a dribble. Cluff Drilling was hired to drill out the well, install a perforated screen with a gravel pack to prevent future caving, and replace the pump and motor for better efficiency. The well is currently completed, operating, and was returned to the system this week.

Board Comments: (10 minutes total)

Board members comments of issues not previously discussed in the meeting.

Board Member Cooke raised concerns about public confusion regarding "Upper Mesa" due to social media discussions. Director Postema clarified that Upper Mesa is a special district, entirely separate from the current water system. It was established through the City of Hildale to serve newly annexed or adjacent areas and has its own board and funding mechanisms, including special taxing and impact fees, making it self-sufficient. The current utility serves Hildale and Colorado City, with no combination or shared funding (referred to as the Legacy System). The only potential future interaction would be if the Legacy System purchases water from Upper Mesa. Director Postema acknowledged the public confusion and stated that the utility operates under its IGA and answers to its two councils, separate from the district. The city plans to disseminate information about the utility's vision, funding, and service area. The district will also create a video to explain its duties and goals, as meeting attendance is typically small.

11. Utility Calendar July 2025

The board discussed the meeting schedule. The IGA requires a minimum of four meetings per year. Given the summer season and potential difficulties in achieving a quorum, the board decided to take a break from monthly meetings, as they had done in previous summers.

Motion made by Board Member Steed, to schedule the next meeting for August 28th at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Voting Yea: Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Cooke, Board Member Steed, Board Member Barlow, Jr.

Motion Carried.

Executive Session: As needed

None

Infrastructure Improvements Advisory Committee Session: As Needed

None.

Adjournment: Presiding Officer

Board Member Jessop adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting on August 28, 2025.



Maxene Jessop, City Recorder



Shirley Zitting, Town Clerk

