



## MINUTES

### UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 16, 2026

Directors Present: Greg Rasmussen, President  
Tom Quincy, Secretary  
Ralph Chick, Treasurer  
Eric Bottomley, Director  
Bruce Tallakson, Vice-President

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Self, General Manager  
Joe Darby, Operations Manager  
Jenna Mayo, Executive Admin Coordinator

Others Present: Frank Splendorio, Best, Best & Krieger LLP  
Gary Conrado, UWPA Director  
Michael Minkler, CCWD General Manager  
Jeff Robertson, CCWD Director

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### CALL TO ORDER/THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Director Rasmussen called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 2:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Director Tallakson  
Second: Director Quincy  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, and Chick  
Nays: None  
Absent: Director Bottomley  
Abstained: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Approval of Minutes:**

- o January 28, 2026 – Special Board Meeting
- o February 25, 2026

**b. Expenditures – January 2026, February 2026**

**c. Fund Balance Report – January 2026, February 2026**

**d. Balance Sheet & Income Statement – January 2026, February 2026**

**e. YTD Budget to Actuals – January 2026, February 2026**

**f. Legal Fees Year-to-Date Review**

Motion: Director Tallakson  
Second: Director Quincy  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, and Chick  
Nays: None  
Absent: Director Bottomley  
Abstained: None

**MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH ITEM F TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW.**

Director Chick noted that total legal fees for Hatfield v. UPUD are \$242,706.02.

Motion: Director Tallakson  
Second: Director Chick  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, and Chick  
Nays: None  
Absent: Director Bottomley  
Abstained: None

**MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 4F AS PRESENTED.**

Director Bottomley arrived before New Business, Item 5a, and was not present for Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, or the Consent Agenda

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action: Adopt Resolution Honoring the Life of Mister the Cat  
(Jessica Self, General Manager) **RES 2026-004**

Motion: Director Tallakson  
Second: Director Chick  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, Chick, and Bottomley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

RESO NO. 2026-004. HONORING THE LIFE OF MISTER THE CAT AND APPROVING A MEMORIAL PLAQUE, AS PRESENTED.

- b. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the MOU for the Highway 4 Water Supply Reliability Study  
(Jessica Self, General Manager) **RES 2026-005**

Motion: Director Tallakson  
Second: Director Chick  
Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, Chick, and Bottomley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

RESO NO. 2026-005. APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGHWAY 4 CORRIDOR REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY LONGTERM WATER NEEDS STUDY, AS PRESENTED.

**6. UPDATES**

Discussion and Potential Direction Regarding Utica Water & Power Authority

Joe Darby reported that during a conversation last Thursday, Frank Fields, Operations & Maintenance Superintendent for UWPA, stated that the Murphys Powerhouse is currently out of service and that water is presently being diverted. He noted that adjustments have been made on the District's end in response. Gary Conrado, Director for UWPA, stated that cost estimates to repair the powerhouse are not yet available.

**7. REPORTS**

- a. Operations Manager

The Operation's Manager's report was presented to the Board by Operations Manager, Joe Darby.

- b. General Manager

The General Manager's report was presented to the Board by General Manager, Jessica Self.

c. Board

Director Bottomley referenced the earlier discussion regarding the UWPA powerhouse. Director Rasmussen noted that upcoming high temperatures are expected and stated that the District should be prepared for irrigation demand.

8. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 2:58 PM

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Michael Hatfield v. Union Public Utility District, Case No. 23CV46786

9. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** The meeting returned to open session at 3:33 PM

- a. Report on Closed Session

10. **REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:** There was no reportable action.

11. **NEXT BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- April 20, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- May 18, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- June 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Tom E. Quincy, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Jenna Mayo, Clerk to the Board