



MINUTES

UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2026

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

Directors Absent: Bruce Tallakson, Vice-President

Staff Present: Jessica Self, General Manager
Joe Darby, Operations Manager
Jenna Mayo, Clerk to the Board
Shelley Scott, Financial Contractor

Others Present: Erik Holt, UWPA General Manager
Frank Fields, UWPA
Gary Conrado, UWPA
Public at Large

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER/THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

Director Rasmussen called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 2:04 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Chick

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

CLOSED SESSION

3. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 2:00 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
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): One Case

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 3:00 PM

- a. Report on Closed Session

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
- b. Fund Balance Report – June 2026 and July 2026
- c. Balance Sheet & Income Statement – June 2026 and July 2026
- d. YTD Budget to Actuals – June 2026 and July 2026

The July 2026 financial reports were pulled from the Consent Agenda and continued to the September 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED, WITH THE JULY

2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS PULLED AND CONTINUED TO THE SEPTEMBER 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Action Regarding FY24 Audit**
(Shelley Scott, Financial Contractor & Jessica Self, General Manager)

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

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 8A, APPROVING FY24 AUDIT, AS PRESENTED.

- b. Discussion/Action Regarding Transitioning Banking Services – Removal of US Bank, addition of Five Star Bank**
(Jessica Self, General Manager) **RES 2026-012**

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

RESO NO. 2026-012. ADDITION OF FIVE STAR BANK AND REMOVAL OF US BANK, AS PRESENTED.

- c. Discussion/Action Amending Union Public Utility District's Conflict of Interest Code**
(Jessica Self, General Manager) **RES 2026-013**

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

RESO NO. 2026-013. ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND APPENDIX OF DESIGNATED POSITIONS, AS PRESENTED.

- d. Discussion/Action Regarding Initiating a New Rate Study Focused on the Utica Fee**
(Jessica Self, General Manager)

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

General Manager Jessica Self explained that UWPA has requested additional funding from UPUD, creating an anticipated budget shortfall. She recommended initiating a focused rate study to evaluate the Utica fee and determine the amount needed to cover the additional costs while rebuilding Utica-related reserves to a responsible level. She stated that NBS, the consultant that completed the District's current rate study, had estimated the cost of the focused study at approximately \$32,000. It was noted that the rate study and Proposition 218 noticing and public hearing process would take several months, with January 1 being the earliest anticipated date that new rates could take effect.

Public comments were received regarding the financial impact of additional rate increases on customers, the condition and ongoing costs of Utica's infrastructure, and the District's continued participation in UWPA.

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 8D, APPROVING INITIATING A NEW RATE STUDY FOCUSED ON THE UTICA FEE, AS PRESENTED.

9. UPDATES

Discussion and Potential Direction Regarding Utica Water & Power Authority

Erik Holt, UWPA General Manager, provided an update regarding a recent Emergency Action Plan activation after food-grade mineral oil from a turbine entered the afterbay. Mr. Holt discussed the incident response, cleanup efforts, repairs, and the facility's return to operation.

Mr. Holt also provided an update on the FERC relicensing and conduit-exemption process. UWPA has completed its legal requirements for the AB 52 tribal consultation process. Twenty-six tribal consultation letters were distributed, with responses received from three tribes or bands. UWPA's application packet is substantially complete and has been submitted to the Washington, D.C. office, pending one final formal response. No firm timeline for completion is currently available, and additional studies could be requested during the federal review process.

The Board also recognized UWPA's effective communication and response during the recent Emergency Action Plan activation.

10. REPORTS

a. Operations Manager

The Operations 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 Updates

Board President Rasmussen thanked those in attendance for their participation and comments, noting that open communication makes a difference and emphasized the importance of working together.

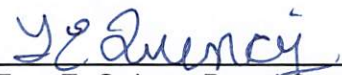
11. NEXT BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS

- September 21, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- October 19, 2026 at 2:00 pm
- November 16, 2026 at 2:00 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

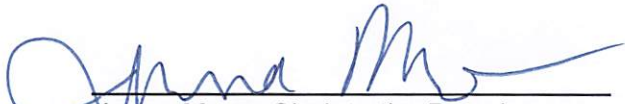
The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Tom E. Quincy, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Jenna Mayo, Clerk to the Board