

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
MAY 7, 2026
MONTHLY MEETING
548 FRONT STREET
FAIRPLAY, CO 80440**

The May 7, 2026, meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Dave Wissel, President, at 1:30 p.m. Members present: Lynda James, Bob Slagle (telephone), Jon Rice, Glenn Grothe, Attorney Alison (telephone) and Lillian Wissel, District Secretary.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Jon made the motion to adopt the May 7, 2026, agenda as presented. Glenn seconded. All ayes carried

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

No public at today's meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. **Minutes of previous meetings – Lillian sent out the April 2, 2026 minutes to board members.**

Jon moved to approve April 2, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. Dave seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- b. **Financial/Treasurers report - Tabled to the June meeting. The fund amounts shown are from the April meeting.**

General Fund - \$ 41,119.40
Chasse Trust Fund \$165,244.77
Interest earned \$526.89
Project Reserve Fund - \$244,702.86
Interest earned \$708.25
Public Ed Fund - \$40,358.75
Interest earned \$375.81
Total \$491,425.78

- c. **Invoices for legal services expenses, bills needing review for payment & directors – Bob gave an overview of the April 2026 bills for payment.**

Jon moved to approve the invoices/bill payments for the month of April 2026 and the May 2026 director's expenses. Bob seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- d. **Legal update – Allison had no legal report for this meeting.**

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. **Jones/Colin Bills water rights and storage rights Rosalie Ponds progress – Allison gave an overview. We have until May 15 to officially move ahead with this. Need to make decision hopefully today. The Wheeler memo shows conditions of dam and reservoir. Wheeler said that at some point they will have to be updated. It is in compliance right now but at some time soon work will have to be done. Attorney Allison stated from a legal perspective she has done a review of Wheeler report. She states that gates, storage, as well as**

easements on the Richard Case property have a few imperfections.

The District will have to do repair work and will need an estimate. There will be a cost for repair as future reports will verify. Existing storage water rights which have a 0 dollar value and have very junior appropriation date and priority number. There are few accurate records related to the ponds, and we would have to go through a change case. Attorney Allison doesn't recommend this based on value.

There is a decision to be made by the USPWCD Board members to make an investment and take responsibility for rehabilitation of Rosalie Four and Six. They will need to improve the basic infrastructure, dredge and fill ponds. Material will be needed to build one of the existing dams to a higher elevation.

As for purchasing we can split this into two payments. The first payment to the seller (Boink et al), of \$22,000 and a second payment for \$22,000.

When and if we decide to go forward we will get bids for anything estimate for repairs over \$10,000 dollars.

Jon said he was given an estimate of \$62,000 for replacement of gates. Drain ponds and remove and truck silt out. We might get at least 9 feet on the bottom of reservoir. Jon feels we might be able to get somethings covered on bid. There would likely be additional costs.

Allison stated that only storage rights are being purchased from the sellers. There was discussion. She stated that we either build the pipeline or purchase Rosalie #6. Purchasing #6 might be a good use. If we own #6 State of Colorado might not require a pipeline. There was discussion.

Dave stated that the whole idea of acquiring this water was to place it in our water portfolio. In 2022 we filed a change case and the decree places 10.6 acre feet c.u. into our portfolio. There was discussion.

What will the value be to us to acquire knowing we will have expense in the future? Jon stated this will give us control of our water. Matt Looses assessment is a good deal. There was discussion.

Allison stated there is no firm closing date. She thinks maybe early June.

Richard Case thinks that Kalentbarger is taking water out of one reservoir. This is not clear from records if he can take storage water. The rights on the ditch are specific Colin/Bills right. The water being removed is not monitored. If water is being diverted we need to have this quantified.

Jon suggest we need a magnetic flow meter. There was discussion. We need to account for 10.6 aft. If this can't work we have Maddox.

Allison stated that in order to store 10 aft would require going to water court to amend decree. If we come up with a way to store we can take care of this. If we move ahead with Maddox we probably won't need Rosalie.

Bob feels that we should purchase both the Rosalie and Maddox. Lynda agrees we should get as much as we can. This would be to our advantage.

Dave stated we can get the money \$44,000 from the Project Reserve Fund. There was discussion.

Jon moved to direct Attorney Allison to go ahead with the \$44,000 purchase of Rosalie Ponds. Seconded by Lynda. All ayes carried.

Allison will let sellers know. A week before the closing Bob will have to transfer the money to an escrow account. No one has to go to the closing. Just a signature is needed.

Allison has left the meeting.

HASP UPDATE – Jon R

- a. May HASP Joint meeting May 13, 2026- Jon**
- b. HASP April 2026 Financial Report**

HASP financials: As of 4/28/2026

Colorado Trust - \$2,308,013.21

EI \$
BMO Checking \$

Stream Gauge - \$

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

- a. **Lynda – asked if and where Aurora is storing water from McArthur gulch. If up here we should explore storage with them. Dave said they have to do a change case. Aurora owns. Discussion.**
- b. **Jon – The purchasing of Maddox Reservoir storage rights by HASP is a turnkey project. What we will be buying is reservoir storage rights.**

Johns Ranch on the Tarryall, will not support a return flow reservoir. Aurora wants to have a video call with one of their engineers and USP. They will still be looking for another site. There was discussion.

- c. **Bob –nothing**
- d. **Glenn – wants to go to the August water conference.**
- e. **Dave – nothing**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for June 4, 2026, meeting at 1:00 p.m. Next joint meeting is May 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (old schedule times)

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Moved, seconded, and passed this ____ day of _____ 2026.

President, David Wissel

Attest _____
District Secretary, Lillian Wissel