

**UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK GROUND
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 4th, 2025

The **November** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District was called to order on **Tuesday, November 4th, 2025**, at 6:01 P.M. at 1500 8th Street, Calhan (inside the conference room at Farmers State Bank) and by ZOOM, by President Doran.

Board Members in Attendance: President Dave Doran, Secretary Darrel Nily, Vice-President Dan Farmer

Board Members Absent: Director Mitchell Baldwin

Others in Attendance: In Person: Tracy Doran, John Hill

On Zoom: Attorney Luke O'Brien, Bradley Kershaw, Attorney Lisa Thompson, Carl Tatum

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Call to Order/Roll Call:

President Doran called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

2. Agenda for November 4th, 2025:

Director Nily motioned to take Paint Brush Hills off the executive session request, and add #6 Designated Election Official to the agenda. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

3. Minutes for October 7th, 2025 Meetings:

Director Nily motioned to approve the October 7th, 2025 minutes. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

4. Treasurer Report & Any Bills Needing Board Approval:

Manager Doran reported on the income and expenses. Director Nily motioned to approve the October treasurer report and pay the bills. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

5. 2026 Budget Hearing:

Director Farmer motioned to go in the 2026 budget hearing and out of the regular meeting at 6:04 PM. Director Nily seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

President Doran opened the floor for public comments. Seeing none closed public comments.

President Doran opened the floor to board comments. The board discussed health insurance increases and if they were all comfortable with the budget. The board all agreed they were comfortable with the budget. President Doran closed the floor to board comments.

Director Farmer motioned that the 2026 budget is accepted with the following change: The Budget shall be updated to reflect the final re-certification values published by the County in December and to give authorization to sign the document with the final mill levy certification, and to accept the resolutions to set the mill levy and set the spending limits for 2025, and to authorize those signatures upon the updated figures, and to move money within the budget to make line items balanced. Director Nily seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

Director Nily motioned to come out of the budget hearing and back into regular session at 6:08 PM. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

6. Designated Election official/Election 2026:

President Doran read into the record the authorization of the 2026 Designated Election form. Director Nily motioned to appoint Tracy Doran as the 2026 Designated Election Official. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

VISITOR INPUT

NA

OLD BUSINESS

1. District Violations/Enforcement Actions:

President Doran reported that the State sent out letters on illegal impoundments, and one on transporting water out of the basin. Attorney O'Brien sent a letter to the Dillies.

2. USGS Monitoring Program/Water Quality Study:

President Doran stated that they are on furlough right now so it is on hold but they will continue on the water monitoring.

3. Cherokee Change of Water Right Application-Poleson Well (Export):

Attorney O'Brien reported that they have published twice and that objections are due by December 15th, 2025.

4. Paint Brush Hills Determination of Water Right Objection:

Attorney O'Brien updated the board and noted that that right before the last meeting we got a summary and it was supposed to have contained the technical

memo and that was not included so we do not have the full picture. Attorney O'Brien said we have till December 5th to respond to their latest submittal.

5. Cherokee Change of Water Rights/Case Nos. 08GW78 & 09GW15:

Attorney O'Brien stated we will be discussing this in executive session.

There was discussion on a field trip to the Falcon Marketplace on their underdrain issues and also to assess the high ground water in the area. Further discussion followed on recharge, study, underdrains, sumps, mapping, working relationship with the county and creating a map & guidelines they could use and have something that the developers would have to adhere to.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Well Permit Applications:

1. Prunsky:

The applicants are applying for a well permit in the Sagecrest subdivision. They are seeking 1 home, 13,000 sq. feet of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, 1 acre-ft in the Arapahoe aquifer underlying 5 acres. They are allowed these uses per the water supply letter, they are also required to be metered.

2. Fosburgh:

The applicants are seeking a well permit under 1496-BD for 2 homes, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, stock watering, 1 acre-foot in the Denver aquifer underlying 36.05 acres.

3. Scott:

The applicants are applying to use an unpermitted alluvial well, constructed around 1982. The lot is pre-72 and is 5.12 acres. I suggest we let Luke review and comment on this one.

4. Ritter-Baker:

The applicants are applying for a well permit under DWR 4602-BD for 2 homes, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, livestock watering, underlying 35.13 acres for 1 acre-foot in the Laramie-Fox Hills aquifer.

5. Mi Casa:

The applicants are applying for a well permit for 2 homes, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, livestock watering, 1 acre-foot in the Laramie-Fox Hills aquifer underlying 40 acres.

6. Neidner:

This is a pre-72 lot underlying 12.66 acres. They are seeking 2 homes, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, livestock watering, with 1 acre-foot in the Arapahoe aquifer. They amended it to include their business name. I believe they should be limited to .5 acre-foot as this is a new application.

7. **Dunlop:**

The applicants are applying for a well permit under DWR No. 4814-BD for 2 homes, 1 acre-foot of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, livestock watering for 4 acre-feet in the Arapahoe aquifer underlying 40 acres.

8. **Edwards:**

The applicants are applying for a well permit underlying 36.3 acres for 2 homes, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, livestock watering, for 1 acre-foot in the Arapahoe aquifer.

9. **Ledezma Alvarez/Garcia:**

The applicants are applying for a well permit underlying 40 acres for 2 homes, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, livestock watering, with 1 acre-foot in the Denver aquifer.

Director Doran motioned to have Luke review and comment on 3, 6, & 7 and approve on consent 1,2,4,5, 8 & 9. Motion approved (3-0)

Large Capacity Well Permit Applications:

NA

Replacement Well Permit Applications:

NA

Change of Use Well Permit Application:

1. **Valle Quinones:**

The applicants are applying to use an existing well and increase use. They have 2.4 acre-feet under DWR no. 327-BD under their well permit no. 58749-F. They are applying to change their use and annual appropriation to 1.2 acre-feet under their 4.10-acre parcel.

Director Doran motioned to have Luke & Lisa review & comment. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion passed (3-0) Discussion continued.

Determination of Water Rights:

NA

El Paso County Reviews:

NA

Any Other Business the Board May Have:

President Doran reported that Mike Wireman, Manager Doran and the President of Upper Big Sandy GWMD Al Kobilan attended the El Paso County Commissioner workshop on the study they had done by Bruce Lytle on the Denver Basin aquifers. He advised there was no public comment. President Doran stated it was dismaying, and very boiler plated, some volunteer data, but no real data with very little wells included, just a bunch of hydrographs. The County is using this report to continue to develop on Denver Basin aquifers with no real data. President Doran noted that he passed out copies of our USGS

Study to the Clerk who gave them to the Commissioner's. The study President Doran stated lacked merit and depth and the Counties take on this is it should be good, continue on as usual. Mike Wireman will be writing an overview, showing the holes he sees and that it is not a bed of roses and that we can't continue to build on Denver Basin aquifers. Discussion continued.

Executive Session:

Please take notice that Attorney Luke O'Brien Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) & C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e), is requesting an Executive Session with the Board of Directors of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District during its regular meeting scheduled Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, regarding the following matters:

1. Cherokee Change of Water Rights/Case No. 08GW78 & 09GW15

Director Doran motioned to go out of regular session and into executive session at 7:06 PM for Cherokee Change of Water Rights/Case No. 08GW78 & 09GW15. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

Director Farmer motioned to come out of executive session and back into regular session at 7:39 PM. Director Nily seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Executive Session Report:

No action taken

Next Meeting Date: December 1st, 2025 VIA Z00m

Adjournment:

President Doran called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Director Nily made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Tracy Doran/Office Manager