

# Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018  
Uintah Conference Center  
11:27 a.m.

Approved

**Conducting:** Chairman Todd Thacker called the January 9, 2018, Board Meeting to order at 11:27 a.m. and welcomed guests to the board meeting held at the Uintah Conference Center.

**Present:** Trustees: Todd Thacker, Quentin Johnson, Herb Snyder and Dean Baker  
Greg Witbeck attended by telephone. Vern Richens was excused.  
Others: Gawain Snow, UWCD General Manager; Mary Searle, UWCD Clerk; John Hunting, UWCD O&M Manager; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Wayne Pullan and Kent Kofford, Bureau of Reclamation; Tom Marsden, USGS; Wayne Simper, Central Canal; Eric Major, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Mitchell Hacking and Shane Frost, Ouray Park Irrigation.

**Approval of Minutes** Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Quentin Johnson and passed unanimously to approve the December 11, 2017, Budget Hearing and Board Meeting minutes.

**Steinaker - Safety of Dams** The Safety of Dams negotiation meeting was held just before board meeting to negotiate the cost of repairing Steinaker Dam. William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve a Resolution to accept the repayment contract as agreed upon in the meeting subject to review. This will allow the Bureau of Reclamation to move forward with the repair.

**Vernal Unit Efficiency Project** A survey is being conducted identifying the boundaries of the easement for the canal. The fence was not built on the boundary of the easement so the survey is creating some confusion with the landowners. Fencing material was purchased to install the fence on the easement line. The Bureau of Reclamation will work with the landowners.

**Uinta River Bifurcation** The BIA has started the EPA process and the project is on their funding list. The project is on track to be built this summer as long as the environmental work is completed. As soon as the funding is available, they will send something directly to the District. We need an O&M agreement signed with approval by the BIA. The O&M costs will be determined by water use. Jones & DeMille have their access permit so they can move forward. The structure can be completed right

after high water because it is in a different location upstream. There is some concern over Ute Lady Tresses and their flowering season. Payments will be due in September or October.

Ouray Park wants to be allowed to make payments over three years since the entire costs doesn't fit into their budget for one year. Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to allow Ouray Park Irrigation to pay \$20,000 in 2018 and \$20,000 in 2019 and the balance owing in 2020. The billing is to be combined with the Green River invoice to be due January 15, 2019, 2020, 2021.

**Red Fleet  
Groundwater**

Tom Marston presented a slide show showing the results of the study that has been completed by the USGS.

**Financial  
Statements**

William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to approve the December financial statements.

**Invoices**

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Bowen Collins \$441; Jones & DeMille \$770; John Harlan Construction \$6,909.52; PdM \$625; Stubbs & Stubbs \$22,882; for a total of \$31,627.52.

**Procurement**

The section of the procurement code that prescribes how to pre-qualify potential contractors was eliminated from Utah State Law in 2016. We have vendors and contractors that have worked with us in the past. Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to approve compiling and working from a contractor/vendor list from contractors that provide us with Proof of License, Certificate of Liability Insurance and a Rate Sheet.

**Manager Report**

The County Commissioners reappointed Quentin R. Johnson, Herb Snyder, Todd Thacker and Vernon Richens to serve as Trustees on the District Board.

The RCPP funds that have been tied up in Washington, D.C. have been transferred to the Salt Lake City NRCS. A meeting is set for January 19 to figure out how to spend it. The District's share is \$4.5 million. We need to prepare a watershed plan.

All Trustees are registered for the Uinta Basin Water Summit January 17.

**Adjourn**

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.