

# Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2018

Approved

**Conducting:** Chairman Todd Thacker called the May 8, 2018, Annual Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed guests.

**Present:** **Trustees:** Todd Thacker, Quentin Johnson, Greg Witbeck, Herb Snyder, Vern Richens, William Merkley and Dean Baker.  
**Others:** Gawain Snow, UWCD General Manager; Mary Searle, UWCD Clerk; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Wayne Simper, Central Canal; Clint Johnson, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Eric Johnson, Bond Council; and Jeremy Merrell.

**Approval of Minutes** Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Quentin Johnson and passed unanimously to approve the April 17, 2018, Annual Meeting minutes.

**Elections** Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to suspend election rules and elect current officers (Todd Thacker Chairman/President; Quentin Johnson 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, and Greg Witbeck 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman) by acclamation. William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to appoint Gawain Snow as Secretary/Treasurer and Mary Searle as District Clerk.

**Steinaker - Safety of Dams** The contractor had a pre-construction meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation, has visited the site and the borrow pit in Ouray. They have contacted the county about hauling material and have looked at the access roads. They intend to start the project in July which will be ahead of schedule.

**Vernal Unit Efficiency Project** Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to approve Resolution #2018-5-08 to apply for a Water Smart grant not to exceed \$400,000 and authorize Todd Thacker to sign the resolution.

**Uinta River Bifurcation** Uintah Indian Irrigation Company has informed us that the check is in the mail. When we receive that check, we will have the funds for Jones & DeMille to start on the project. They are working on an O&M agreement between the Uintah Indian Irrigation Company and other entities so when the project is completed, they will no how to operate the structure. We need to move ahead with the design so they can get the contract out over the summer. William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously that pending receipt of the check, we move forward with the project.

**Ashley Valley  
Flood Control -  
Resolution**

A Public Hearing was commenced with Eric Johnson explaining the subordinated water bonds for flood control. The Resolution would authorize the District to bond for \$2,700,000 and move ahead with additional details. Part of the funding would build retention ponds and part would pipe the existing canals allowing the present channels to be empty to receive flood water. The CIB approved the application for the bond to cover the loan amount and a grant in the amount of \$8,179,251. To access the funds, the project will need to bid. The project will be done in phases. Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 2018-05-08B and authorize Todd Thacker to sign it.

**Financial  
Statements**

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the April financial statements.

**Invoices**

After discussion of the charge for a supervisor on the Stubbs invoice, Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Snow Christensen \$2,856.25; Stubbs & Stubbs \$3,550 for a total of \$6,406.25.

**2018 Water  
Allotment**

Steinaker and Red Fleet and both full enough to set a 100% allotment with 10% shrinkage. The allotment will be officially approved in June's meeting.

**Manager Report**

The NWRA 2018 Western Water Summit will be held in Park City August 1-3. Todd Thacker, Dean Baker, Greg Witbeck and Gawain Snow expressed interest in attending.

**Adjourn**

Vern Richens made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Quentin Johnson and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.