

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

Approved

- Conducting:** Chairman Todd Thacker called the October 9, 2018, Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed guests.
- Present:**
- Trustees:** Todd Thacker, Greg Witbeck, Herb Snyder, Vern Richens, William Merkley and Dean Baker. Quentin Johnson was excused.
- Others:** Gawain Snow, UWCD General Manager; Mary Searle, UWCD Clerk; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Bart Jensen, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Clint Allen, CRS Engineers; Jay Kalafatis, Bureau of Reclamation.
- Approval of Minutes** Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the September 11, 2018, Board Meeting minutes with a change in the slope of the dam from 2.1 to 3.5 to 2:1 to 3.5:1.
- Steinaker - Safety of Dams** The contractor is still excavating exposing bedrock and applying shot-crete. They will start building the dam back up starting next spring. They cannot compact properly in the cold. There is another seven vertical feet of water to pump out which does not affect construction. Silt has been a problem with pumping.
- Vernal Unit Efficiency Project** We did not get the WaterSmart grant for \$300,000. Bart Jensen gave an update on the RCPP watershed application. Clint Allen reported on the progress of the Rock Point portion of the project which they plan to have completed in February.
- Uinta River Bifurcation** Bart Jensen presented a progress report on the project. They made a few changes after the public comments. In acquiring a contractor, costs will be considered combined with qualifications. They are still waiting on the FONZI. All irrigation companies have signed contracts for funding. They are waiting on the right-of-way from the BIA.
- Ashley Valley Flood Control - Resolution** We have had prepared agreements with the Upper Canal (\$84,200/year) and Rock Point Canal (\$6,900/year) to pay the District for assistance in getting them funds for their projects. The Upper and Highline will have agreements as to how they will spread that cost. The contract is for thirty years. Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to approve those agreements.
- Financial Statements** William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the September financial statements.

Invoices

Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Bowen Collins \$1,832.31; Henrie Engineering \$1,125; Jones & DeMille \$4,870; for a total of \$7,827.31.

UASD

Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to appoint John Hunting as the District representative at the UASD conference.

Contract List

Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to add Kinetic Hydrovac to our contractor list.

**New General
Manager**

It takes a few months to go through the process of advertising and interviewing for a manager so Gawain proposed that the District start the process and he would continue as consultant and use his vacation and sick leave. He would also stay on the outside boards he is now on for a while. After reviewing and making some changes in the job description from last spring, the board requested that Mary advertise for the next three weeks with applications due November 2 at noon. They would then be sent out with board packets, The board will meet at 9:00 a.m. November 13 to review candidates.

Manager Report

As soon as the water is down far enough, we need to look at the gates and make repairs as needed while the lake is drawn down.

Vernal City and others have been discussing a walking trail along the service canal from 500 North through Highway 40. The west side of the canal would be best so it wouldn't interfere with maintenance. It would be funded 50%. Terra Academy would like to have it in place so their students could walk to their farm. A meeting will be held to bring together the interested entities to get a preliminary design. The major concern is the liability. One of the other entities would have to take over the liability.

The canal through the Morgan Batty place seeps water. The board agreed that would be a good place to test a canal lining. It would be 300-400 feet.

Adjourn

Vern Richens made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.