

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

Approved

- Conducting:** Chairman Todd Thacker called the September 11, 2018, Board 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; Bart Jensen, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Clint Allen, CRS Engineers; Scott Elliott, Bureau of Reclamation.
- Approval of Minutes** Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to approve the August 14, 2018, Board Meeting minutes.
- Steinaker - Safety of Dams** They shut the pumps off so they could move them into the lake further. The pumps have not performed like they thought they would. They are pumping around 50 CFS instead of 100 CFS. They are hauling dirt out and coating the sandstone with shot-crete. They want to get the outlet works in this Fall. They plan to flatten the slope from 2:1 to 3.5:1.
- Vernal Unit Efficiency Project** They are waiting on RCPP funds coming through. Bart Jensen reported on the Watershed plan. There will be a scoping meeting held October 4 at 6 p.m. at the Uintah County Library conference room.
- Uinta River Bifurcation** Bart Jensen presented a project summary. There is a 30% design meeting next week. Agreements have been signed by all companies. The time line needs to be opened to give flexibility to the contractors to allow for spring run-off and weather conditions.
- Ashley Valley Flood Control - Resolution** All agreements are ready and approved by everyone. Bond documents will come in the morning. Bond closing is September 18 with the funding being available a day or so after that. Rock Point has George Weldon for a contractor and the parts are ordered already. The other canal companies will have us hold their money until the first of the year so the costs will occur in the same year for tax purposes. They have contracted with engineers to oversee the projects. The Rock Point project could be completed by February 28.
- Rates** Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to set the rates as presented in the packet.

Financial Statements

Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to approve the August financial statements.

Invoices

Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: BHI \$2,521; Jones & DeMille \$11,591.68; for a total of \$14,112.68.

URS Policy

William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to approve RESOLUTION #20180911 which states that Trustees are considered to be part-time and no eligible for UWCD benefits.

Cloud Seeding

Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed by everyone except Quentin Johnson to continue to participate in Cloud Seeding.

Manager Report

Scott Elliott has been here following up on the Service Canal easements. Where feasible, we should move the fences to the correct boundary to avoid future issues. Encroachment agreements should be prepared and signed by property owners showing that structures are on the existing easement. If necessary, they would be responsible for removing the structure. We are working with Uintah County to set up GIS on the easement. Title searches are not going back far enough to show the easement or the drains.

Todd Thacker expressed interest in attending the UASD Nov 7. He would go out and back the same day.

Greg Witbeck, William Merkley and (maybe) Dean Baker expressed interest in going to the Colorado River Conference.

There will be a hearing on Water Horse Resources November 7.

Adjourn

Vern Richens made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.