

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018

Approved

Conducting: Chairman Todd Thacker called the June 12, 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; John Hunting, UWCD O&M Manager; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Wayne Simper, Central Canal; Clint Johnson, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Mike Collins, Bowen Collins; Brett Prevedel, Uintah Basin Salinity Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the May 8, 2018, Board Meeting minutes.

Steinaker - Safety of Dams The contractor and sub-contractors have been working on setting up trailers, surveying and preparing pumps. It is on schedule for getting started this Fall. September 1 is the official date to start but we may be looking at August 15.

Vernal Unit Efficiency Project After discussion, William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to authorize the signing of the RCPP agreement after it has been received and approved by Gawain and then send out RFP's. The NRCS will help review the proposals and have a board member serve on the selection committee.

Uinta River Bifurcation Clint Johnson presented the progress report for this project. The funding came through from the tribe and they are just waiting for agreements and right-of-ways. They should have 30% design by the end of June which will be reviewed after July 4. They will then get advertisement out for contractors. The discovery of Ute Lady Tresses will add to the cost but it is still within the original estimate.

Ashley Valley Flood Control - Resolution The agreements are not ready. We need an agreement between Uintah County and Uintah Water Conservancy District. The Highline and Upper Canals will have a shareholders meeting June 27 for their final vote to move ahead. Pipe prices have gone up about \$3 million. About 25% comes out of the canal companies' budgets.

Project Facilitator This person would work to organize and coordinate flood control projects with the salinity forum, the CIB and RCPP funds when issues come up that don't fit

into his salinity work. This will not start until the projects gets going. He would keep track of the match money. Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to contract with Brett Prevedel as project coordinator.

Tax Rates

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to set the tax rate at .000486 the same as last year.

Financial Statements

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to approve the May financial statements.

Invoices

Vern Richens made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Bowen Collins \$584.50; Henrie Engineering \$2,953.59; Jones & DeMille \$1,865 for a total of \$5,403.09.

Pickup

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to advertise the 2012 pickup in the paper for closed bids and set the minimum bid at \$9,500.

PTIF

Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to approve Gawain Snow, John Hunting and Dean Baker as authorized individuals for the PTIF accounts.

GR Management Plan

There will be a meeting for this Wednesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Manager Report

While Steinaker is down, we should go in and look at the valves and gates while they are uncovered and make any needed repairs. We know there are some leaks and the hydraulic lines are badly corroded. Mills Equipment Company will send an estimate on replacing the lines. The motor is outdated and needs to be replaced. We have a six-month window to take care of any problems.

There was an issue with one of the Green River pumps but it is back in service. A valve was not operating properly.

Wayne Simper from Central Canal requested the District be the sponsor for their PL56 funds through the NRCS if Uintah County does not follow through.

Ratification of allotments needs to be on the next agenda. We may need to have a meeting on July 17.

Adjourn

Vern Richens made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Quentin Johnson and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.