

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017
UWCD Office
10:00 a.m.

Approved

Conducting: Chairman William Merkley called the April 11, 2017, Annual Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed guests.

Present: Trustees: William Merkley, Todd Thacker, Quentin Johnson, Herb Snyder, Vern Richens, Greg Witbeck and Dean Baker.
Others: Gawain Snow, General Manager; Mary Searle, UWCD Clerk; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Peter Crookston, Bureau of Reclamation; Mike Miles, Aycock Miles Accountants; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Eric Major, Jones & Demille.

Approval of Minutes Vernon Richens made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Quentin Johnson and passed unanimously to approve the March 14, 2017, Board Meeting minutes.

Elections Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to suspend the election rules and elect Todd Thacker and Chairman/President, Quentin R. Johnson 1st Vice Chairman/President and Greg Witbeck as 2nd Vice Chairman/President.

2016 Annual Report Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Annual Report as presented.

Audit of 2016 Financial Statements Mike Miles presented the 2016 Audited Financial Statements and reported that there were not findings. Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Steinaker - Safety of Dams Peter Crookston reported that nine holes will be drilled. They bring a barge the last week of April to do some drilling. We are still planning to draw down to 5418 elevation containing 310 AF. The Utah Wildlife Resources is planning to have a Big Bass contest and fish recovery this summer.

We need some idea of how to handle the Osprey nest. The pole can be moved a half mile to a mile from where it is.

The Bureau conducted a hazardous waste inspection and found a lack of documentation. We need to get rid of the 1000-gal. gas tank.

**Red Fleet
Ground Water**

Peter Crookston reported that aquafir testing is being done now. There should be a draft report by the end of summer. It looks good for storing water but they are still gathering data.

**Vernal Unit
Efficiency
Enhancement
Project**

There was a meeting with the contractor to look at what had to be done to be able to deliver water. The screens and outlets are in. Cleanup and fence repairs can be done after we start to deliver water. There is about \$100,000 left in the MOA fund for materials to build up the road.

Phase II

There is \$4.5 million coming from RCPP but there will be no contract coming until June or July. Once the contract is signed, they have to do a watershed plan. We are working with NRCS to identify areas to include in that plan and for future plans. That may take six months. We are looking at the beginning of 2018. Bowen Collins is looking at different pipe materials and should have a report next month. The Board suggested that we get more numbers from Bowen Collins before making a decision.

**Financial
Statements**

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Todd Thacker and passed unanimously to approve the March financial statements.

Invoices

Todd Thacker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Vern Richens and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Bowen Collins \$3,798.50; W. W. Clyde \$145,721.66; for a total of \$149,520.16.

Manager Report

Anadarko appealed the amount of their property taxes and the court ruled in their favor. Uintah County is liable for the difference. They negotiated to repay it over a period of seven years.

A future list of priorities for the District include:

- Getting the pipeline finished.
- Work with the Bureau of Reclamation to keep dam repair on schedule
- RCPP contract signed to start Phase II and other county projects
- Get Phase II design finalized and ready to go.

The board thanked William Merkley for doing a great job as Chairman.

Adjourn

Greg Witbeck made a MOTION to Adjourn which was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.