

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2017
UWCD Office
10:00 a.m.

Approved

- Conducting:** Chairman Todd Thacker called the May 9, 2017, 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, General Manager; Mary Searle, UWCD Clerk; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Bart Leeftang and Peter Crookston, Bureau of Reclamation; Clint Johnson, Jones & Demille; Mike Styler, Utah Dept Natural Resources; Gene Shawcroft, Central Utah Water Conservancy District; Ken Thielbor and Cory Langston, Plasson USA; Bob Kilpack, ISCO.
- Approval of Minutes** Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the April 11, 2017, Board Meeting minutes.
- Steinaker - Safety of Dams** Bart Leeftang gave board members a copy of the proposed schedules for repair of the dam. The MOD report has been delayed so the December contract award will not be possible. Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously in support of the option presented by the Bureau to begin work in Fall of 2018 making 2019 the dry year. There will be a meeting for landowners set within 2-3 weeks. There will be enough water for 2017.
- Red Fleet Ground Water** They are still collecting data. The draft report has been delayed until the end of the fiscal year.
- Vernal Unit Efficiency Enhancement Project** There was a walk-through finalizing items still to be completed by the contractor. The contractor has a check list for finishing the project. Water is being successfully delivered through the pipeline.
- Phase II** Bowen & Collins will bring a report to the next board meeting on proposed products to be used. We are still trying to find additional funding sources. The RCPP grant will not happen until June or July. Putting off fixing the dam gives us more time to find additional funding.

**Uinta River
Bifurcation**

The BIA has to come up with funding. Until then, nothing can happen. The grant is waiting for the project to start.

**Financial
Statements**

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

Invoices

Vernon Richens made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Bowen Collins \$2,823; W. W. Clyde \$165,687.65; for a total of \$168,510.65.

**Navajo
Settlement**

Mike Styler reported that water is set aside for the Indian Nations that are not being used yet. Reservations have a federally mandated water right but the amounts have yet to be negotiated. The amount is based on possible irrigable acres. The Utah Division of Natural Resources is requesting \$25,000 to assist in hiring a lobbyist to assist with this project. Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to authorize funding of \$25,000 of the contingency fund for this.

Burns Bench

Boyd Snow reported that there is too much sediment coming into the sluice box at their diversion than it can handle. It delivers water to Burns Bench, Murray Ditch and Burton Ditch. After discussion, William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Quentin Johnson and passed unanimously (Todd Thacker recused himself since he is a member of this system) to authorize up to \$65000 to assist with engineering fees to find a solution to this problem.

**Spirolite
Presentation**

Cory Langston with PLASSON USA presented a slide show on the benefits of their product for Phase II piping of the Steinaker Service Canal.

**Manager's
Report**

Due to a lack of time, the Trustee training will be postponed to the June Board Meeting.

Everyone present was invited to tour the completed piping project on the lower Service Canal.

Adjourn

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION to Adjourn which was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.