

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2017
UWCD Office
10:00 a.m.

Approved

Conducting: Chairman Todd Thacker called the June 13, 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; Peter Crookston, Bureau of Reclamation; Clint Johnson, Jones & Demille; Mike Collins, Bowen Collins; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering.

Approval of Minutes Herb Snyder made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the May 9, 2017, Board Meeting minutes.

Steinaker - Safety of Dams John Hunting reported on the dam inspection held last week. There were three small recommendations to do with maintenance items. There is a barge on Steinaker that is drilling holes in the dam. They are through drilling from the top of the dam.

Red Fleet Ground Water Peter Crookston reported that the status has not changed for Red Fleet ground water storage. When they have completed their analysis of data, they will come and report to the District.

Vernal Unit Efficiency Project They had to lower a spillway and we are having issues with the meters. We have not been happy with some of the finish work but they are working on those. They still have to fix fences.

Phase II Mike Collins presented different options for pipe along with cost estimates and advantages and disadvantages for each. Vernon Richens made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to authorize Gawain Snow to sign the documents for the RCPP Contract and financial reports. We will wait on pricing the turnouts, valves, fencing and other materials.

Uinta River Bifurcation Clint Johnson reported that there were no new developments and they are still waiting on the BIA to come up with funding.

**Financial
Statements**

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

Invoices

Vernon Richens made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Bowen Collins \$5,184.75; Jones & DeMille \$123.75; W. W. Clyde \$45,349.37; for a total of \$50,657.87.

Since there is no July meeting and there will be invoices during that time, Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to go ahead and pay the July invoices and ratify those payments in the August meeting.

**Certified Tax
Rate**

The Anadarko settlement affects our county tax revenue in the amount of \$16,738.34/year for the next seven years. There are two county CDA's that could affect UWCD—Leland Bench and a manufacturing plant on Diamond Mountain. The Leland Bench project may require 2400 AF of Green River water. The district would get money back that could be used to pay on the project, then ongoing cost of water and O&M. William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to accept the certified tax rate of .000486.

**2017 Water
Allotments**

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to set the 2017 allotments for both Steinaker and Red Fleet at 100% plus shrinkage.

UASD Request

Utah Association of Special Districts has expended extra money for lobby efforts at the legislature on behalf of Special District. They are requesting extra funding to cover that expense. Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously to approve \$1,500 for the UASD.

**RRA - Vernal
Unit**

Since we have paid off Steinaker, we are now under conditional exemption status for Reclamation Reform Act.

**Manager's
Report**

Gawain Snow reported on the Upper Colorado Commission meeting held in Jackson, Wyoming along with the Salinity Forum meeting. They are making sure that money is still coming for salinity projects.

The Highline and Upper Canals have been working on utilization for flood control. They requested that Uintah Water Conservancy District receive and distribute money for their projects.

Ann Castle is looking at potential projects of critical infrastructure needs.

Quentin Johnson requested the District to look at adding to public parking.

Board Training

The Board received training on Open and Closed Meeting laws.

Adjourn

Vernon Richens made a MOTION to Adjourn which was SECONDED by Herb Snyder and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.