

# Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2022

Approved

**Conducting:** Vice-Chairman Tyson Murray called the October 11, 2022, Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office and welcomed guests.

**Present:** **Trustees:** Tyson Murray, Dean Baker, Todd Thacker, Shane Frost, Greg Witbeck and Mitch Phillips. Quentin Johnson was excused.  
**Others:** John Hunting, UWCD O&M Manager; Mary Searle, UWCD Clerk; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Bart Jensen, Jones & DeMille; Wayne Simper, Central Canal Co.; Craig Nebeker, CRS Engineers. Jordan Oyler, Bowen Collins & Associates attended electronically. William Merkley was excused.

**Approval of Minutes** Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the September 13, 2022, Board Meeting minutes.

**Operations Updates** Steinaker Reservoir is at elevation 5476.06 with an active capacity of 7,835 acre feet and an inflow of 22 CFS with 22 going out. Red Fleet Reservoir is currently at elevation 5559.86 with an active capacity of 7,086 acre-feet and inflow of 14 CFS with 10 going out. We are pumping 1 CFS out through the pumping plant for the sand mine. Brough is at elevation 5091.44 with an active capacity of 781 acre feet with 14 CFS coming in and 3 CFS going out. We have pumped about 6,000 acre feet from Green River. Cottonwood is at elevation 5231.93 with an active capacity of 936 with 11 feet going to Brough.

**Service Canal Enclosure Project** Jordan Oyler reported that about half of the pipe has been delivered. We have about 15,000 linear feet that is due to be constructed. They have about 700 linear feet that is currently being welded together. They started excavation yesterday and have about 400 linear feet excavated. Their plan is to start roping that pipe into the trench toward the end of this week and start backfilling. They're working down where Reach I ended and where Reach II begins and work their way north. The plan is to keep working through the winter. If it gets too cold they would not be able to work. The plan is to get to 1500 West before time to deliver water next spring. There are only three fusers of this size in the world and two are on this project. There is only one Tecnodue machine of this size in the world and it is on this project that fuses the fittings to the pipe.

**Red Fleet MOA Project** The toe drains have been completed. There is some money left in the funds to be spent on three different projects: Check valves in the pumping plant; Spillway erosion needs to be repaired; Regulating gates are leaking and need to be repaired.

**VU Efficiency  
Project  
Watershed Plan**

Bart Jensen reported they submitted changes to the economist who is working on the cost ratio issue. He is expecting a response from the economist any time and then we can get it all wrapped up.

**Uinta River  
Bifurcation**

Bart Jensen reported there are more Ute Lady Tresses but they are in the same place. The WaterSMART funding is officially secured. The Water Optimization Grant was re-submitted under Ouray Park Irrigation Company because the District had been approved for another project. We will wait to see how much money we get before holding a shareholders' meeting. Because we now know the route the Independent Canal uses so we can do an MOU with Peatross then get Jeff Horrocks his contract. After we get funding back, we can let the shareholders know what the cost will be. The BIA is spearheading the EA portion of this project.

**Financial  
Statements**

Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Mitch Phillips and passed unanimously to approve the September 2022 financial statements.

**Invoices**

Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Todd Thacker and passed unanimously to approve paying Bowen Collins \$20,155.39; Jones & DeMille Engineers \$21,803.02; PdM Professionals \$1,920; Sunrise Engineers \$4,840; for a total of \$48,718.41.

**UASD  
Representative**

Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Mitch Phillips and passed unanimously to appoint John Hunting as representative to UASD.

**Hydrology  
Update**

It is too early to know anything but the soil moisture is pretty good. The base flows are still down a little.

**Adjourn**

Dean Baker made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Shane Frost and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.