

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023

Approved

Conducting: Chairman Quentin Johnson called the August 8, 2023, Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office and welcomed guests.

Present:

Trustees: Quentin R. Johnson, Tyson Murray, Dean Baker, Shane Frost, Todd Thacker, Greg Witbeck and Mitch Phillips.

Others: William Merkley, UWCD General Manager; John Hunting, UWCD O&M Manager; Marie Cook, UWCD Clerk; Dave Rasmussen, UWCD Consultant; Jordan Oyler, Bowen Collins & Associates; Spencer Strand, Jeff DeMarco, Bureau of Reclamation; Bart Jensen, Jordan Kennington, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Wayne Simper, Ashley Central Irrigation Company; Courtney Evans, ISCO; Ivan Merrell, Vernal City; Wayne Jones, Jim Boren, Water Users.

Others Mike Cottle, BHI; Jason Leuttinger, BC&A; Jeremy Kieninger,
Online Miller Pipeline; Brittany White, USBR.

Approval of Minutes Mitch Phillips made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the June 13, 2023, Board Meeting minutes.

Approval of District Clerk Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker to appoint Marie Cook as District Clerk and passed unanimously to approve.

Operations Updates Steinaker Reservoir is at elevation 5,514.44 with 50 CFS coming in and 93 going out. Red Fleet Reservoir is currently at elevation 5,603.62 with 66 CFS coming in and releasing 60. Cottonwood is at 5258.26. Brough elevation is 5,098.60. The Green River Pumping plant has delivered 154.6 acre-feet into the Ouray Park System.

Service Canal Enclosure Project Jordan Oyler reported that they are down to a skeletal crew with most of grading completed with the exception of the south end. Most items are wrapping up with the exception of the South end. Fencing is still being installed. After a presentation by ISCO concerning the use of Weko-Seals to further improve the temporary repair, and after discussion with the project team, Shane Frost made a MOTION to repair as designed and pressure test, Greg Witbeck SECONDED the motion and passed unanimously to approve.

Uinta River Bifurcation Bart Jensen and Jordan Kennington reported that they had worked on a new design to save costs. A MOTION by Dean Baker to take the discussion to ratify approval for Change Order No.1 back to the stakeholders for a decision

on how to proceed and SECONDED by Tyson Murray and passed unanimously to approve.

**Green River
Pumping Plant**

After discussion, Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Tyson Murray and passed unanimously to invite Josh Horrocks to the next board meeting to discuss operations and maintenance costs.

**Tyzack
Aqueduct/
Condon's pond**

Two representatives of Condon's pond attended, after discussion a MOTION was made by Greg Witbeck to investigate Condon's pond water shortage claim and estimates for repairs. Was SECONDED by Dean Baker and was passed unanimously.

**Financial
Statements**

Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Mitch Phillips and passed unanimously to approve the June and July 2023 financial statements.

**Legal,
Engineering and
Construction**

Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Tyson Murray and passed unanimously to approve paying Bowen Collins \$62,306.32; Jones & DeMille; \$32,975.77, Snow Christensen & Martineau: \$1,188.00; BHI \$634,089.20; for a total of \$730,559.29.

**Snow
Christensen &
Martineau Rate
increase**

After discussion Tyson Murray made a MOTION to approve rate increase for Snow Christensen and Martineau, Dean Baker SECONDED and was approved unanimously.

Closed Session

Tyson Murray made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Shane Frost and passed by Quentin Johnson, Dean Baker, Todd Thacker, Mitch Phillips and Greg Witbeck to go into and out of Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and pending litigation.

Adjourn

Shane Frost made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.