

# Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2023

Approved

**Conducting:** Chairman Quentin Johnson called the September 12, 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, and Mitch Phillips. Greg Witbeck was excused.

**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; Bart Jensen, Eric Major, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Alex Harvey, Rexford Carpenter, Sunrise Engineering; Craig Nebeker, CRS Engineers; Wyatt Carter, USBR; Wayne Simper, Ashley Central Irrigation Company; Leon Kidd, Tony George, Rock Point; Josh Horrocks, Wayne Jones, Jim Boren, Water Users.

**Approval of Minutes** Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the August 8, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

**Operations Updates** Steinaker Reservoir is at elevation 5,506.10 with 29 CFS coming in and 117 going out. Compared to 2022, Steinaker Reservoir was at elevation 5,477.52. Red Fleet Reservoir is currently at elevation 5,598.06 with 12 CFS coming in and releasing 40. In 2022, elevation at Red Fleet was 5,562.46. Cottonwood is at 5,261.29. Brough elevation is 5,095.97. The Green River Pumping Plant has delivered 587.9 acre-feet into the Ouray Park System. Pelican is down four feet.

**Green River Pumping Plant** The Board discussed with Josh Horrocks the impact of current and past direction of the river concerning the sand bars and erosion patterns with regards to his land and our pump station. A MOTION by Tyson Murray to get estimates to change the direction of the dredged channel in that section. It was SECONDED by Shane Frost and passed unanimously to approve.

**Steinaker Service Canal** Jordan Oyler reported crews are working on fencing, fiber optics and grading. They plan to complete the hydro test the middle of October when people will be done irrigating for the season.

**Agriculture Water Grant** William Merkley reported we received a grant from the Ag. Water Optimization Program to automate turnouts on Reaches I and II of the Steinaker Service Canal. A MOTION by Tyson Murray and SECONDED by Dean Baker to accept grant. It passed unanimously to approve.

**Ashley Creek Siphon Repair** After discussion, Todd Thacker made a MOTION to get cost comparisons to place large boulder or cement blocks to avoid future issues or collapse. It was SECONDED by Shane Frost and passed unanimously to approve.

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**Steinaker Feeder  
Canal Bridge  
Repair**

After a discussion concerning resetting the bridge. A MOTION by Todd Thacker to seek pricing for BHI to raise and reset the bridge. If price was higher than reasonable we would take it out to bid. It was SECONDED by Shane Frost and was approved unanimously.

**Uinta River  
Bifurcation**

Eric Major reported the simplified design for the west channel structure is in process of approval. He was able to find a credit to off-set part of the costs for the electric actuators. Army Corps of Engineers permitting is nearly complete.

**Rock Point Canal  
Pipe Line**

An estimate was presented by Sunrise Engineering Inc. After discussion, a MOTION by Shane Frost to use up to \$15,000 towards invoices for engineering services. Was SECONDED by Tyson Murray and passed unanimously to approve.

**Tyzack Aqueduct/  
Condon's pond**

Drain lines leading to Condon's pond were examined and found to be dry. Further investigation by Jimmy Dale Slaugh found no water on the south side and a very small stream on the north side. After discussion, a MOTION by Tyson Murray and SECONDED by Mitch Phillips to present two options to the property owner. 1. Upper Primary shares when they come available or 2. Pay one time amount for the owners to find water shares or make repairs on their own. Either option will end partnership. It was passed unanimously.

**Staging Costs**

Dean Baker made a MOTION after discussion to pass equipment staging costs to Canal Company's and was SECONDED by Tyson Murray, and passed unanimously. The amounts are: Ashley Central \$4,059.40, Rock Point \$2,128.20 and Island Ditch \$1,016.83.

**Water Service  
Rates**

After discussion Shane Frost made a MOTION to set rates as presented. It was SECONDED by Mitch Phillips and passed unanimously.

**Financial  
Statements**

A MOTION by Shane Frost and that was SECONDED by Dean Baker, and passed unanimously to approve the August 2023 financial statements.

**Legal, Engineering  
and Construction**

Shane Frost made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker to approve to pay Bowen Collins & Associates \$11,651.85, and BHI, \$146,810.15 for a total of \$158,462.

**Adjourn**

Shane Frost made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.