

Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024

Approved

Conducting: Chairman Quentin Johnson called the January 9, 2024, Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office and welcomed guests.

Present: **Trustees:** Quentin Johnson, Shane Frost, Todd Thacker, Tyson Murray, Dean Baker and Mitch Phillips. Greg Witbeck via telephone.

Others: William Merkley, UWCD General Manager; John Hunting, UWCD O&M Manager; Marie Cook, UWCD Clerk; Craig Nebeker, CRS Engineering; Dan Larsen, Colorado River Authority of Utah; Jeff DeMarco, Brittany White, Bureau of Reclamation; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Jordan Kennington, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Wayne Simper, Central Canal.

Online: Jordan Oyler, Bowen Collins & Associates.

Approval of Minutes: Shane Frost made a MOTION, Todd Thacker SECONDED to approve December 11, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: Shane Frost made a MOTION to approve the December 18, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes, SECONDED by Dean Baker, and passed unanimously to approve.

Public Input: Dan Larsen of the Colorado River Authority of Utah provided an update on the CRWUA Annual Conference held in December.

Operations Update: Steinaker Reservoir is at elevation 5508.16 with 27 CFS coming in and 0 going out. Compared to 2023, Steinaker Reservoir was at elevation 5487.31. Red Fleet Reservoir is currently at elevation 5598.70 with 3 CFS coming in and 1 going out. Compared to 2023, Red Fleet was at 5566.06. Cottonwood is at 5259.27. Brough is at elevation 5106.59 with 3 CFS coming in and 0 going out. Pelican is down 15 inches.

Steinaker Service Canal Enclosure Project: Jordan Oyler gave an online update on the remaining items to be completed for the project. Access roads are being completed, except for the southeast access road. The cement crews have been working on the Feeder Canal bridge project and will return to finish the pipeline. Jordan gave update on the testing progress. Crews came out December 19, 2023, to visually inspect the failed joint and take samples for further testing. We are waiting on the results of this testing.

**Uinta River
Bifurcation
Structure:**

Jordan Kennington reported this phase was complete except for the gate actuators that have been ordered and expected in the spring. Gates can be manually opened until then. Shane Frost made a MOTION was SECONDED by Tyson Murray to work with Jones & DeMille Engineering to submit a funding application to the UDAF Agricultural Water Optimization Program for the west channel structure. It passed unanimously to approve.

**Financial
Statements:**

Shane Frost made a MOTION, SECONDED by Dean Baker, to approve the December Financial Statement. It passed unanimously to approve.

**Legal,
Engineering and
Construction:**

A MOTION by Shane Frost, SECONDED by Mitch Phillips passed unanimously to approve to pay Snow, Christensen & Martineau \$471.00, Bowen Collins & Associates \$3,234.25, BHI \$34,530.65, and Maverick Contractors \$147,855.40, for a total of \$186,091.30.

**Utah Water
Users Workshop:**

Todd Thacker made a MOTION was SECONDED by Shane Frost to co-sponsor the Utah Water Users Workshop in the amount of \$375.00. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn:

A MOTION by Shane Frost and SECONDED by Mitch Phillips to adjourn at 10:54 was unanimously approved.