

# Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2024

Approved

**Conducting:** Chairman Quentin Johnson called the February 13, 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, Mitch Phillips, and Shad Jackson.

**Others:** William Merkley, UWCD General Manager; John Hunting, UWCD O&M Manager; Marie Cook, UWCD Clerk; Jeff DeMarco, Brittany White, Kelly Kaye, Bureau of Reclamation; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Craig Nebeker, CRS Engineering; Bart Jensen, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Jordan Oyler, Bowen Collins & Associates.

**Trustee Oath of Office** Marie Cook led Shad Jackson, Tyson Murray and Dean Baker in the Oath of Office.

**Approval of Minutes:** Shane Frost made a MOTION to approve the January 9, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, SECONDED by Dean Baker, and passed unanimously to approve.

**Reconsideration For SCPP Support:** Shane Frost's MOTION was SECONDED by Tyson Murray to allow Green River Pumping Plant (GRPP) shareholders to participate in the System Conservation Pilot Program (SCPP) with the understanding that, in the event their participation jeopardized or ultimately caused any water to be forfeited, they would continue to pay all applicable GRPP fees, and that lost water would be applied only to their shares of the project. During discussion, it was voiced that the District developed the GRPP as a supplemental water supply to support agricultural interests in the County, and that marketing this water for other purposes appears inconsistent with the project's intentions. The MOTION failed to pass with Shane Frost, Tyson Murray and Shad Jackson voting in favor, and Dean Baker, Todd Thacker, Mitch Phillips and Quentin Johnson voting against.

**Operations Update:** Steinaker Reservoir is at elevation 5510.76 with an inflow of 28 CFS. Compared to 2023, Steinaker Reservoir was at elevation 5490.66. Red Fleet Reservoir is currently at elevation 5600.22 with 12 CFS coming in and 3 going out. Compared to 2023, Red Fleet was at 5568.10. Cottonwood is at 5258.72. Brough is at elevation 5108.82 with 3 CFS coming in. Pelican is 4 inches down.

**Steinaker Service  
Canal Enclosure  
Project:**

Jordan Oyler gave a progress update. Crews are working on fencing, retaining walls, and painting valves. Additional crews are working on Feeder Canal bridge. Cement has been poured and waiting to cure.

**Change Order  
No. 4:**

After discussion, Shane Frost made a MOTION, was SECONDED by Mitch Phillips, to approve Change Order No. 4 to increase contract in the amount of \$39,526.31. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

**BC&A Contract  
Amendment No.  
5:**

Shane Frost made a MOTION, Tyson Murray SECONDED, to approve Contract Amendment No. 5, with a note to hold the contractor responsible for actual damages incurred. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

**Report &  
Consideration of  
Proposal:**

After discussion concerning report submitted by BHC Associates, Inc., Shane Frost made a MOTION, was SECONDED by Dean Baker, to continue to Phase II, which authorizes Bryan Hauger to initiate discussions concerning non-destructive pipeline inspection methods. It passed unanimously to approve.

**Uinta River  
Bifurcation  
Structure:**

Bart Jensen reported on Jones & DeMille's efforts to submit a funding application to the Agricultural Water Optimization Program. Special consideration for the Ute Lady Tresses has been given for preparation for the next phase of construction which they are planning for in the Fall after irrigation season.

**Water Control &  
Measurement  
Projects:**

Jones & DeMille (JDE) requested the District's support of a combined project entitled "2024 Water Control and Metering Projects." A WaterSMART grant application is being prepared for potential funding from the Bureau of Reclamation. The project includes efforts to rehabilitate the Whiterocks Irrigation Company Whiterocks River diversion, enclose (pipe) the Red Wash Reservoir feeder canal, and meter irrigation water connections on the Ashley Central Canal's J Bar J Lateral. The District's support would include a letter to be submitted with the WaterSMART application, acceptance as the project sponsor and administrative entity, \$5,000 to JDE for costs associated with the funding application, and approval of Resolution 20240213. Shane Frost's MOTION to approve the District's involvement was SECONDED by Tyson Murray and passed unanimously.

**Financial  
Statements:**

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

**Legal,  
Engineering and  
Construction:**

A MOTION by Shane Frost, SECONDED by Todd Thacker, passed unanimously to approve to pay Snow, Christensen & Martineau \$471.00, Bowen Collins & Associates \$8,270, Jones & Demille Engineering \$41,094.56, BHI \$183,790.34, for a total of \$233,625.90

**Adoption of  
District Privacy**

Mitch Phillips made a MOTION, was SECONDED by Shane Frost, to approve Privacy Statement as presented. It passed unanimously to approve.

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**Statement:**

**Adjourn:**

A MOTION by Dean Baker and SECONDED by Shane Frost to adjourn at 11:25, was unanimously approved.