

# Uintah Water Conservancy District

Board of Trustees  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2018

Approved

- Conducting:** Chairman Todd Thacker called the April 17, 2018, Annual Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed guests.
- Present:**
- Trustees:** Todd Thacker, Quentin Johnson, Greg Witbeck, William Merkley and Dean Baker. Vern Richens and Herb Snyder were excused
- Others:** Gawain Snow, UWCD General Manager; Mary Searle, UWCD Clerk; Wayne Simper, Central Canal; Bart Jensen, Jones & DeMille Engineering; Aaron Averett, Sunrise Engineering; Darrell Gillman, UDAF.
- Approval of Minutes** Greg Witbeck made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to approve the March 13, 2018, Board Meeting minutes.
- 2017 Audit** Mike Miles presented the 2017 Financial Audit. There were no findings. Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to approve the 2017 Audited Financial Statement as presented.
- 2017 Annual Report** Gawain Snow went over the 2017 Annual Report and requested one change to the holdover water year. William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to approve the 2017 Annual Report as presented.
- Steinaker - Safety of Dams** The contract to repair the dam was awarded today to Weeminuche for the amount of \$17.7 million. The District's share would be \$2,655,000. The Bureau of Reclamation recognizes the importance of completing the repair in a timely manner. We will deliver water as people request it. There is enough water for a full allotment this year.
- Vernal Unit Efficiency Project** There is a WaterSmart opportunity for up to \$1 million that requires a 50% match. After discussion, Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to apply for the grant and authorize the chairman to sign the papers to apply for "not to exceed" \$400,000.
- Uinta River Bifurcation** Nothing has happened since the last meeting. We are still waiting on the BIA.
- Ashley Valley Flood Control - Resolution** Dean Baker made a MOTION that was SECONDED by William Merkley and passed unanimously to adopt and authorize the signature of Parameters Resolution 20180417. The documents were signed by Todd Thacker.

**Water Resources  
Coop Agreement**

Quentin Johnson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Dean Baker and passed unanimously to continue to participate in the Aquatic Invasive Species Management and authorized Gawain Snow to sign the cooperative agreement.

**Water Right  
Protest**

Gawain Snow sent a protest letter to go along with the State of Utah's protest of Water Right Application A81080 (41-3747). This is an application to appropriate and divert water on the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam into Colorado.

**Financial  
Statements**

William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Quentin Johnson and passed unanimously to approve the March financial statements.

**Invoices**

After discussion, William Merkley made a MOTION that was SECONDED by Greg Witbeck and passed unanimously to approve the following invoices: Bowen Collins \$1,633.50; Stubbs & Stubbs \$2,515 for a total of \$4,148.50. It was suggested that there be more oversight on contractors.

**Green River  
Working Group**

Darrell Gillman reported that this group is working on comprehensive plans for Green River to identify all access to the river and uses. It will open the river up for funding sources and opportunities for pumps in the river. They are looking for anyone who wants to be part of the process. The process will last about 1-1/2 to 2 years. This plan will start at the Dinosaur Monument and go on down through Jensen. Landowners need to register all pumps that are currently in the Green River. They are trying to peak Green River the same time as the Yanmpa peak for the fish larvae. This can affect flooding in Jensen and Green River, Utah. Can we achieve the same benefits along the river but at lower elevations and still create habitat situations. Landowners could get compensated for creating these habitats. They are opening the record of decision on how they regulate Flaming Gorge Dam. There is \$3 million the fish recovery program in the Upper Green River.

**Manager Report**

Gawain Snow reported on his trip to the NWRA and the Federal Issues Conference in Washington, D.C. This covers issues that affect water users of the West.

The employees insurance premium will increase 6.1% in July.

**Adjourn**

William Merkley made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Todd Thacker and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.