

WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY

DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees

June 16, 2015

Minutes of a public meeting of the board of trustees of the Washington County Water Conservancy District, held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 533 East Waterworks Drive, St. George, Utah. Those board members present for the meeting were: Chair Ed Bowler, Jim Ence, Howard Bracken, and Jon Pike. Tom Hirschi and Ken Neilson were not present. Also present were General Manager Ron Thompson, Associate General Managers, Barbara Hjelle and Corey Cram, Melodie Sorensen, accountant, and Secretary Roberta McMullin. Steve Quinn and Stephen Jackson from the accounting firm of Hafen, Buckner, Everett & Graff were also present at the meeting. Ed Bowler conducted the meeting and welcomed those present. Clint Rogers from Carollo Engineering was a guest in the audience for the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the presentation and approval of the 2014 audit.

Presentation and approval of 2014 audit – Steve Quinn introduced himself and Stephen Jackson from Hafen, Buckner, Everett & Graff, who both worked on the audit. Steve reviewed and pointed out various parts of the audit starting with the table of contents. He encouraged board members to read the Management’s Discussion and Analysis on pages 4-14 and also pages 24-43 which are Notes to the Financial Statement. These notes have important information. Page 1-3 is the Independent Auditor’s report and that is what we are asking them for when they do an audit. He read their opinion from the paragraph at the top of Page 2. He said this is the highest opinion you can get from the auditors. Page 15 and 16 are government wide statements. Page 23 is a Statement of Cash flows. Note 2 on Page 28 shows where the District’s money is and Note 3 on Page 29 shows Accounts Receivable or who owes the District money. A copy of the financial report is attached to these minutes. Steve Quinn called for questions.

Jim Ence moved to approve the 2014 audit as presented. Howard Bracken seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Ron Thompson said he would skip the Manager's Report on the agenda due to the time constraints of some of the board tonight. He will report on those items at the July board work meeting

Approval of bid for drilling of Toquer Well #1- Ron showed the board members a map showing the location of this well in the Anderson Junction area. It will provide construction water for the Ash Creek project. Ron said there is a significant fault that runs through this area. He said they are hopeful to get a well similar to the Cottam Well which is just north of this site. The well will sit right next to our transmission line and can tie into the Cottam Well system so it is in a very good location in our system. They have received two bids for drilling the well. The low bid was Grimshaw Drilling at \$398,700. The next bid was Gardner Drilling at 434,580.

Ron said the staff's recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder, Grimshaw Drilling.

Jon Pike made a motion to award the contract to drill Toquer Well # 1 to Grimshaw Drilling for \$398,700. Howard Bracken seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Change of date for July board meeting – Ron told the board some of our previously scheduled board meetings are conflicting with the interim legislature and associated meetings. He would like to change the July board meeting from July 14 to July 21 so he can attend meetings in Salt Lake. Board members agreed to this change of date.

Miscellaneous- Ron told the board that Commissioner Jim Eardley ~~has~~ resigned from the board, effective January 1. Serving on this board is putting his retirement in jeopardy. The commissioners haven't made another appointment yet but it will probably be from the east side of the county.

Kolob is about full, Quail Creek is just about where they want it and Sand Hollow is about 65 % full. Ron said that Gunlock Reservoir has come up a little bit also.

The expansion to 60 mgpd is complete at the water treatment plant. Ron said they don't expect that we will go up to 60 mgpd but this gets us in a comfort zone to know it is ready if needed.

Ron asked which board members would like to attend the NWRA meetings in Monterey, California on August 3-5, so that reservations can be made and registrations completed. Roberta said she will wait a couple of days and then make the reservations.

Ron gave a brief report on the recent AWWA meetings he, Corey, Chuck and Hank attended in Southern California. There were a lot of good exhibitors there and also some good educational sessions to attend. Also, Hank received the American Water Works Association's Fuller Award. Hank was the only one to receive the award from the entire Rocky Mountain Section of the AWWA.

Adjournment of Meeting - ~~made a~~ A-motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned.
