

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY  
DISTRICT**

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees

October 5, 2016

Minutes of a public meeting of the board of trustees of the Washington County Water Conservancy District, held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 533 East Waterworks Drive, St. George, Utah beginning at 6 pm. Those board members present for the meeting were: Chair Ed Bowler, Zachary Renstrom, Howard Bracken, Jim Ence, Jon Pike and Tom Hirschi. Ken Neilson was not present. Also present were General Manager Ron Thompson, Associate General Manager Corey Cram and Secretary Roberta McMullin. Other guests at the meeting: Marv Wilson, Sunrise Engineering. Ed Bowler conducted the meeting and welcomed those present.

**The first item on the agenda was the approval of sign location for the Town of Central on district property.** Ron Thompson explained to the board that he had been approached by a group from the Town of Central that wants to put a town sign up for Central on either the north east or north west corner of the intersection going into Pine Valley on water district property. Ron said he told them that the board would need to see what kind of sign they wanted to put up and approve it. He met with them this week and he also told them they would need to find out what the setback requirements are. They brought a drawing of what they would like to do and Ron passed it to the Board to review. It will be a stone sign. They still had to find out what setbacks county or state would require. After reviewing the picture of the sign and discussion the following motion was made:

***Jon Pike moved to approve the Town of Central sign type as presented and the location and let Ron Thompson work out the details with the with them. The motion was seconded by Tom Hirschi and all voted aye.***

**The next item on the agenda was a request by the general manager to set a special meeting to approve the 2017 preliminary budget.** Ron explained that when the board meeting schedule was set, the November board meeting was moved to the second week, November 9 to accommodate those board members

attending the Special Service District conference. The statute says that the preliminary budget must be approved 30 days before the final budget is approved. November 9 does not give us 30 days until the December meeting so he would request a special meeting be set to accomplish this. The last Wednesday in October which is October 26 was suggested. After discussion all board members present agreed to this date. The November 9 board work meeting was left in place.

**Tom Hirschi moved to approve the October 26, 2016, special board meeting date to approve the preliminary budget. The motion was seconded by Zach Renstrom. All voted aye.**

**Ron Thompson gave status reports on the following projects:**

**Lake Powell Pipeline** – Ron said this project continues to move along. He told the board the district had a field tour with FERC and others in the last week or so. There was a field site tour with the Army Corp of Engineers who are working on permitting issues. Ron said FERC has requested some additional information and they are working on getting that information back to them.

Ron said he also recently responded to the university economists on the Lake Powell Pipeline financing. There was some discussion among the board who all agreed that the response sent to the Governor and others was very good.

**Sand Hollow wells** – Ron reported that at the well the board saw on the recent field trip at Sand Hollow, they were off about 20', they did some test pumping and they couldn't draw it down. They are remobilizing and straightening that well. The other wells they were working on have all been test pumped. A contract has been let to Interstate Rock Products and they are working on the well pump houses. The district crew is putting the pipe together to connect the wells to the spring building where it will be chlorinated and then will moved where the water is needed.

**Dammeron Valley Wastewater System** – This new wastewater system expansion is under construction and hopefully will be completed in next few weeks. It is an Orenco system and will incorporate new technology to improve effluent water quality. Ron said the project is going well and everything we are seeing looks like it is going to do exactly what we need it to do.

**Sand Hollow Regional Pipeline** – The environmental part of the project is moving along well. Ron said he thinks we will see the final record of decision in either December or January. This project will give us a lot more redundancy for that south block of the county.

**Water treatment plant** – Ron said they are working on filter treatment with Carollo Engineering. Corey said Carollo would like to operate that for a full year after they get it up and running.

**Financial report** – Ron told the board he will have a detailed breakdown for the first three quarters of the year and what we will spend to the end of the year and the proposed preliminary budget at the special meeting set tonight for October 26. He also told the board that the impact fee revenue is going to be up a fair amount from 2015.

**Ash Creek Project** – Ron said he has been approached by Doug Westbrook in Eastcreek Holding (used to be 5m Properties) and they offered to donate basalt off their property for the dam. Ron said he believes this might be worth looking at when we get to the design stage.

**Staff** - Ron told the Board the district is running well and the staff is working hard. He informed the board that a new employee has been hired to work full-time at the front desk. Her name is Heather Dekorver.

**Misc.** – Ron said we could certainly use more **precipitation**. Sand Hollow is down considerably and any surplus river water is going into Quail Creek

The stabilization work on **Crystal Creek** is going to have to be done next summer. There is not the 60 working days they need to get this done before winter

**Calendaring Items:**

Upcoming Meetings – Ron reviewed upcoming board meetings and conferences with the Board which are:

Utah Water Summit	October 25	Provo
Association of Special Districts Conf,	Nov. 2-4	Ogden
NWRA Annual Conference	Nov. 14 -16	San Diego
November Board Meeting	Nov. 9	WCWCD
WCWCD Christmas Party	Dec. 5 6:30 pm	WCWCD
December Board Meeting	Dec. 7	WCWCD
Colorado River Water Users	Dec. 14-16	Las Vegas

**Approval of Minutes for May 31, 2016, July 6, 2016 and September 7, 2016 Board of Trustees Meetings.**

*Tom Hirschi made a motion to approve the July 6, 2016 meeting minutes. Jon Pike seconded the motion and all voted aye.*

*Jon Pike moved to approve the September 7, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Zach Renstrom and all voted aye.*

*Zach Renstrom made a motion to approve the May 31, 2016 meeting minutes. Jon Pike seconded the motion and all voted aye.*

Chair Ed Bowler asked for any comments or questions from the audience or the board. There being none the following motion to adjourn was made:

*Tom Hirschi moved to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.*

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