

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT**

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees

March 7, 2018

Minutes of a public meeting of the board of trustees of the Washington County Water Conservancy District, held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 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, Kevin Tervort, Ken Neilson, Chris Hart and Jon Pike. Also present were General Manager Ron Thompson, Associate General Managers, Barbara Hjelle, Corey Cram, Brie Thompson, and Secretary Roberta McMullin. Other guests at the meeting are set forth on the attached sign-in sheet. Ed Bowler conducted the meeting and welcomed those present.

The first item on the agenda was honoring Doug Wilson for his years of service and his upcoming retirement the end of March. Ron presented him with a watch from the district and Doug expressed his gratitude to the board and the staff for the opportunity of working at the district.

The next item on the agenda was a Manager's report.

Water supply - Ron showed a presentation of the March 2018 Water Supply Briefing for Colorado Basin by NOAA. The forecast for the Virgin River Basin is at 20% of normal. Ron said that even though the water forecast doesn't look good, Sand Hollow is full, Gunlock is nearly full, and Quail Creek is nearly where we want it to be so we have excellent water storage carry over in our reservoirs.

Ron said since March is usually a good water month we will see what the rest of this month brings.

Legislature – Ron told the board this has been a fairly quiet year in the legislature regarding water. He said the canal bill passed today. House Bill 303, the water sizing bill that would have affected most of our cities has been changed so that it won't affect the cities as much as the original bill.

There was a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Anderegg to require all secondary systems to be metered under certain time lines. Ron said the bill got better as it went along but they decided this week to send it through an interim

study. The state budget appears to be well in hand and he feels like for the most part this has been a good legislative session.

National issues – Ron said there is still an effort to do some infrastructure funding bills nationally and this should move to front and center for debate in the next 30 days. He said he doesn't know how it will turn out, but both the Democrats and Republicans are talking about doing something with infrastructure and aging infrastructure continues to be a very important issue.

Ron told the board the EPA has some new lead and copper rules and they will have to see how this comes out.

Calendaring items – The follow calendaring items were reviewed with the Board:

April 4 is our next board meeting with a work meeting beginning at 3:00 pm

March 19 is the dinner hosted by the UWU Dinner – March 19 at 6 pm at DSU Gardner Ballroom

March 20-21 is the Utah Water Users Workshop at the Dixie Center

March 22 – Governor's Financial Open House with their review on the Lake Powell Pipeline.

Ron told the board the staff is working hard. They are continuing with the metering in Toquerville secondary system and working to have the water treatment plant ready for the summer months.

Doug Wilson is retiring at the end of March. He has been over project management and IT. He and his wife will be entering the mission field in early April.

National Water Resources Federal Water Seminar is the first week of April in Washington D.C. Ron will be taking Corey Cram and Zach Renstrom.

Report on Deputy Manager Position - Ron said the board selected a committee last month to take applicants and interview and fill this position. He reported that they had 13 applicants and interviewed five of them. The unanimous decision was to offer this position to Zach Renstrom. He would start working at the district in January 2019 and work for one year with Ron before he retires. The committee that interviewed the applicants was Chair Ed Bowler, Jon Pike, Ken Neilson and Ron Thompson. Ron said there were some very good applicants in the five they

interviewed. Ron said the board can go into a closed session if necessary for further discussion on this or take a motion for approval.

Kevin Tervort moved to approve the hiring of Zach Renstrom for the Deputy General Manager position. Chris Hart seconded the motion, and all voted aye. Zach Renstrom recused himself from this vote.

Approval of Minutes of February 2018 Board Meeting – The minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting from February 7, 2018 were reviewed by the board after which the following motion was made:

Zach Renstrom moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018, board of trustees meeting as presented. Ken Neilson seconded the motion. All A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned.
