

WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees

May 2, 2018

Minutes of a public meeting of the board of trustees of the Washington County Water Conservancy District, held on Wednesday, May 2, 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, Kevin Tervort, Ken Neilson, Chris Hart and Jon Pike. Board member Howard Bracken was not present. Also present were General Manager Ron Thompson, Associate General Managers, Barbara Hjelle, Brie Thompson. Other staff included Carly Merrill 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 the Manager's Report by Ron Thompson and the following items were reported:

Water Year - Ron said the water year has been dismal but today's rain helped some. He said there was a couple of inches of snow up on Kolob this morning, but it is already gone this afternoon. Ron said there is a 20% of normal stream flow on the Virgin River and Santa Clara is about the same but there is some holdover storage in Gunlock Reservoir. The Santa Clara River will be at about 46% on allocations. There is always hope that there is some nice storm around the corner that will bail us out of hope for summer storms, but they are usually half and half water.

Kolob Reservoir is at not full and is at 2000-acre feet. Ron told the board it is the first time since the Crystal Creek project was built that Kolob Reservoir won't fill.

He said what this all means is that we will see curtailments on water rights that are less than 1890 priority and even those may take some cuts.

Quail Creek and Sand Hollow Reservoirs are essentially full. Quail Creek is within a few feet of full and as high as we want it operationally.

Ron expressed hope that the cities will put their time of day watering into effect. He also reminded the board and all present that conservation is and will continue to be very important.

Operations - Ron told the board we are starting to see more demand on the system as we get some 90-degree days. Since we are very interconnected with our pipeline system Ron said he thinks with what the cities have and can pull off the system we should be okay. On peak summer peak days, we will probably be treating 40 million gallons per day

Status reports –

Lake Powell Pipeline – Ron said they continue to work on a host of issues. The permitting process seems to creep along. The administration has come out an MOU signed by most agencies that puts them on a timeline. We are still waiting for FERC to rule on the jurisdictional issue, but this should happen shortly and that should help get things moving.

Sand Hollow Well Drilling – Brie told the board that at the home near the Sand Hollow resort where there was the flooding problem in March the sump pump only pumped 17 gallons and then in April it was down to 0 gallons. They believe that the two additional wells that came on really helped. There are additional wells that can be drilled if needed. They have good results on wells 5, 6 and 10 and they may not need wells 7 and 11. There is a good chance that well #10 will be sufficient for that area. Last month a bid was awarded to Gardner Brothers Drilling for well 7. Instead of starting with well #7 they are going to start with well 12 and then wait for a little more data before starting on the other wells.

On well #10 they are now ready to seal the bottom and install new gravel pack. At that point they will do additional

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Well #12 - There will be a pre-construction meeting on May 8 and the pipeline project will be bid shortly after that.

Ron said they are moving along with permits on the Sand Hollow regional line that goes down into the south block. They are working on an agreement with St George and Washington cities to put a 10 mg tank down there. It will be paid

partly by the district and the two cities and when the timing is right they will get the site, the necessary permits and then figure out when need they will need the tank

Chair Ed Bowler asked the audience for any comments or questions. There were none.

Minutes of April 4, 2018 – The minutes of the last board meeting of April 4, 2018 were reviewed by the board.

Ken Neilson made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2018 as presented. Chris Hart seconded the motion and all board members present voted aye.

Calendar items –

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6 pm.

Adjournment – There was no further business to come before the board and upon motion the meeting was adjourned.
