



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
September 24, 2020

Minutes of a public meeting of the board of trustees of the Washington County Water Conservancy District, held on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 533 East Waterworks Drive, St. George, Utah beginning at noon. Those board members present for the meeting were: Chair Ed Bowler, Kevin Tervort, Howard Bracken, Chris Hart, and Jon Pike and Ken Neilson. Victor Iverson was not present. Also present was General Manager Zach Renstrom and Associate General Managers Corey Cram and Brie Thompson. Morgan Drake, attorney and Roberta McMullin, secretary, were also present. Attorney Marcus Faust also attended the meeting.

Ed Bowler conducted the meeting and welcomed those present.

The first item on the agenda was **consideration of approval on water conservation plan update with Maddaus Water Management.**

Julie Gillins, Water Conservation Manager, told the board that last year a grant was written to update our water conservation plan and to hire a consultant to review current and selected new conservation measure and to determine the water savings of each measure to make sure we could meet a water savings goal. Julie said the grant was received and a request for proposals were received back from two companies and Maddaus Water Management was selected. They have submitted a proposal to the district and would like to enter into our engineering agreement with them. The cost of the contract is \$55,000 and \$25,000 of that will be paid by the grant received. Julie said Maddaus has a great model that determines the water savings of each measure. It's very difficult to determine the water savings through water use reports. Their model provides this information to determine the best measures and also in writing grants to receive funding to offer these measures. Their report will be used in putting together a water conservation update and determining the water savings on the measures selected to offer. A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

*A motion was made by Ken Neilson to approve the Agreement on a Water Conservation Plan Update with Maddaus Water Management. The motion was seconded by Chris Hart and all voted aye.*

**The next item on the agenda was consideration of award of bid on the Kayenta Booster Pump Station Project.**

Brie Thompson told the board the district provides wholesale water to Kayenta. There are two wells in that area that supply water to Kayenta. One of those can produce up to \_\_\_\_\_ gallons a minute and the other one only about 60 gallons a minute. Brie told the board if we are having issues with the primary well, it puts us in a tight spot to meet our contract obligation. This pump station would allow us to purchase water from St. George City and provide that water to Kayenta. Most of the time it would still be more cost effective to use Ence wells at Kayenta, but if the wells are down or some other problem, we could still provide water to Kayenta. As part of this pump station we are going to be getting Power from Rocky Mountain. So, this is a backup source and provides redundancy. Brie said this project explains why the water district is essential in this county because we are able to step in and make sure they get water. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached to these minutes. After discussion, the following motion was made:

*A motion was made by Jon Pike to award the bid on the Kayenta Booster Pump Station Project to Interstate Rock Products who were the low bidder at \$209,231.50. Chris Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye.*

Zach told the board he would like to tell them about something that happened out in the field. Some of the districts field crew were up on Kolob doing some work. A man came out of cabin saying his wife was dying. Our workers immediately responded. They knew CPR and did their best to jump into this emergency situation and help. Unfortunately, the woman did pass away, but he wanted the board to know about this. He said he may ask some of field crew that was involved to come in and be recognized at a future meeting.

Next, Chair Ed Bowler **requested a closed session to discuss pending litigation.**

*A motion was made by Kevin Tervort to move into a closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Jon Pike seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Chris Hart                      Yes

Ken Neilson	Yes
Jon Pike	Yes
Ed Bowler	Yes
Howard Bracken	Yes
Kevin Tervort	Yes
Victor Iverson	Absent

After the roll call vote the public meeting was adjourned and the board went into a closed session.

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*Secretary*