



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

May 5, 2021

Minutes of a public meeting of the board of trustees of the Washington County Water Conservancy District, held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 533 East Waterworks Drive, St. George, Utah beginning at 6:00 pm. Board members present for the meeting were: Chair Ed Bowler, Jon Pike, Chris Hart, Ken Neilson, Victor Iverson and Adam Bowler. Kevin Tervort was not present. Also present was General Manager Zach Renstrom; and Secretary, Roberta McMullin.

Ed Bowler conducted the meeting and welcomed those present.

### **Consideration of approval of pipeline inspection project for 66" Quail Pipeline –**

This pipeline was installed in the 80's and takes water from the diversion to two reservoirs. The pipe is pigged every year to clean it, but now there is a unique device that sensors and measures the thickness of the pipe and the joints and how it is performing. It can identify problems before a leak develops. Zach told the board this is important because this pipe goes through residential areas. There is only one company in the United States that does this which is this company, Cypress ILLI. Jordan Valley WCD retained them on their pipeline and was able to identify some potential problems. Zach said he thinks it is good preventative maintenance. It is over \$100,000 and is a non-standard procurement since they are the only entity that performs this kind of inspection. The district will have to sign a contract now to get them in December which is the best time of year for us to do this. There was discussion followed by a motion:

***Chris Hart made motion to approve the \$146,500 contract with Cypress ILLI. The motion was seconded by Ken Neilson and all voted aye.***

**Approval of two purchase cards for the camp hosts at Kolob Reservoir** which needs board approval. Zach said these two purchase cards would be for the two camp hosts so they can buy gasoline for the side by side they will be using or other expenses they may have in connection with their responsibilities. They will have

to track their receipts and have them approved by a supervisor as district employees do.

***Jon Pike moved to approve the two purchase cards for the camp hosts at Kolob Reservoir. The motion was seconded by Adam Bowler and all voted aye.***

**Consideration of approval of the Cottam Well 3 MG Tank contract with Bowen Collins Engineering and procurement memo** – Zach told the board the wells by Anderson Junction currently have a ½ million-gallon tank which is not keeping up and they are going to need a larger water tank. This agenda item approval is to hire the engineer to design it. The district went through the procurement process and Bowen Collins Engineering came back as the firm that was best qualified. Zach said we need to finalize this and get them working on designing this tank. They are also the engineers who designed the Warner Valley tank.

***Victor Iverson moved to approve the contract with Bowen Collins for design of the new Cottam Well Tank. The motion was seconded by Jon Pike. All voted aye.***

**Approval of the agreement with Washington County regarding leasing Kolob recreational facilities** – Zach said they are proceeding forward with designating camp sites, getting camp hosts and other management objectives at Kolob Reservoir. This is a joint effort on management with Washington County. The camp hosts will be volunteers of the county and will be insured under the county's already existing volunteer program and be covered by county insurance to the same extent as other volunteers. For the county to be able to do this they have to have some interest in the reservoir facility and so that is the purpose of this lease. The county will lease the reservoir facility from the district from May 19, 2021, to October 31, 2021, to cover the camping season for \$10 as set forth in the proposed agreement. If this works well, it can be extended.

***Ken Neilson moved to approve the agreement with Washington County leasing Kolob recreational facilities. The motion was seconded by Chris Hart and all voted aye.***

**Consideration of approval of the North Leeds Pipeline Replacement contracts.**

It was explained to the board that Schedule A is for the Contractor and Schedule B is for materials. This is the pipeline that goes from Cottam Well down through Leeds. It has had leaking and other problems over the years. It will also be upsized from 14" to 24". Civil Science Engineering is the engineering firm.

Interstate Rock was the low bidder for the contractor work at \$128,983. Scholzen Products was the low bidder on materials for \$394,074.39. The engineers were present at the meeting and recommended awarding both bids to Interstate Rock Products and Scholzen Products.

***Jon Pike moved to approve the bid to Interstate Rock Products for \$128,983 as the contractor for North Leeds pipeline project. The motion was seconded by Ken Neilson and all voted aye.***

***Victor Iverson moved to award the contract for materials on the North Leeds pipeline project to Scholzen Products for the pipeline for \$394,074.39. The motion was seconded by Adam Bowler. All voted aye.***

**Review of first quarter financial transactions.** Board members were given a copy of the first quarter financial transactions for their review.

**Status reports on projects and manager's report:**

***Lake Powell Pipeline*** – Zach told the board they are still working with the other basin states. They have had some good discussions and they said they would work in good faith and it seems they are. Upper basin states are the ones they have been working with the most. The lower basin states will work with them now. There was discussion and Zach answered various questions including that the recently appointed Colorado River Authority has not started meeting yet but will start in July.

***Sand Hollow Water Treatment Plant*** – This plant is now up and running and producing water. Zach said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in a few weeks. St. George and Washington are now both pulling water from this treatment plant.

***Ash Creek Project*** – This project has been published in the federal registry. They are going through that period now. Conserve Southwest Utah said they are not going to object to anything on this project. The project should move forward and a year from this fall we should start earthwork and construction.

***Water surcharge*** – Zach said the district is still working with high end water users.

***Covid care funds*** - Zach reported that Washington County gave the district \$200,000 in Covid care funds.

Chair Ed Bowler called for questions or comments from the audience.

Dan Kelly introduced himself and said he would like to make a statement. He said he is concerned since we live in a high desert area and that a lot of people talk the conservation talk but do not walk the walk. We need to push conservation at the grassroots level and make changes. He asked about why developers can put decorative grass in homes and mentioned technology that allows water from tub, bath and sink to be collected and used to flush toilet. There was some discussion about water conservation and what the district is already doing. He was also referred to the district's website that discusses the many conservation efforts that the district is doing.

**Minutes of April 7, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting** – The minutes were reviewed by the board and the following motion was made:

***Jon Pike moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting. Chris Hart seconded the motion and all voted aye.***

**Meeting adjournment.** There was no further business to come before the board of trustees and, upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary