

**Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 11, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at the District's offices, 210 West Spencer Avenue, Suite B, Gunnison, Colorado.

Board members present: Kathleen Curry, Richard Hagan, Julie Nania, Bill Nesbitt, Michelle Pierce, Brett Redden, George Sibley, and Julie Vlier.

Board member not present: Rosemary Carroll, Rebie Hazard, and Andy Spann

Also present:

Frank Kugel, General Manager  
Beverly Richards, Administrative Assistant  
Jill Steele, Office Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Michelle Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Michelle Pierce said that the board received in their folders an updated non-operating expenses list, an updated 2018 budget and resolutions, and some miscellaneous matters and future meetings items.

**Kathleen Curry moved and Richard Hagan seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried.**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Richard Hagan moved and Bill Nesbitt seconded approval of the consent agenda items. The motion carried.**

**4. ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Bill Nesbitt moved approval of Resolution 2017-05, Resolution to Adopt Budget. Kathleen Curry seconded. The motion carried.**

**Julie Vlier moved to approve Resolution 2017-06, Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. Bill Nesbitt seconded. The motion carried.**

**Bill Nesbitt moved to approve Resolution 2017-07, Resolution to Set Mill Levy at 1.951 mills. Richard Hagan seconded. The motion carried.**

## **5. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Michelle Pierce said that the board received letters from North American Weather Consultants and American Whitewater. These are informational items.

Kathleen Curry said that if the snowpack is still very low in January or February, she would like to include discussion of that on a future meeting agenda. Michelle Pierce agreed with this.

George said he went to Colorado Ag Water Alliance Summit in Loveland last week. It was an interesting day full of learning. He said that the rest of the state is grappling with a lot of the same things we are here. He said he has written a summary of the event which he can distribute to the board.

Frank Kugel said that Bill Trampe is unsure of his continued participation on the CRWCD board. He has asked Frank if he would be interested in submitting an application to serve as the Gunnison County director. Frank spoke with Michelle Pierce and submitted his application, and he has an interview with the Gunnison County Commissioners tomorrow morning. Frank told the commissioners that if Bill is willing to serve again, he will gladly withdraw his application from consideration.

## **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizens requested to speak.

## **7. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Michelle Pierce said that the board received information on the annual CWC Convention which takes place January 24-26, 2018. There is a discounted rate if registration takes place before December 31, 2017. Bill plans to attend and Michelle and George indicated they are thinking about attending.

Frank Kugel said that the GBRT meets the third Monday of every odd-numbered month. In May, that date conflicts with the District's May 21 board meeting, and the board may wish to consider changing its meeting date. Michelle Pierce suggested that the UGRWCD meeting be moved to Tuesday, May 22, 2018. The consensus of the board was to do this.

Julie Vlier said she cannot attend the board retreat on February 22, 2018. She asked if it is possible to have the agenda for it as early as the January board

meeting so that she can weigh in on some issues. Michelle said that staff can prepare an initial agenda that the board can look at in January.

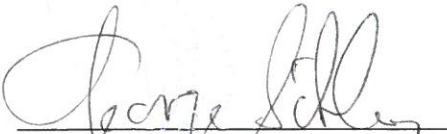
Kathleen Curry said that there is a movement afoot to get the four West Slope basin roundtables together in April. She said she feels that the whole roundtable process is being underutilized, especially the Interbasin Compact Committee, which was intended to help the individual basins work out compacts between each other. She would like to see a compact that the four could agree to, in the event there is a big issue on the Colorado River. If there were to be a problem, she wants the Front Range to share in any shortage. They have junior water rights and should at least be sharing in the case of a shortage. She wants to approach the IBCC to say that we want to come up with an agreement. There is strength in numbers. Eric Kuhn has said publicly that the Front Range does not intend to share in the shortage. She wants to prepare for that possibility.

Michelle Pierce asked Kathleen if she would like this to be on the District's board meeting agenda in January. Kathleen said she would.

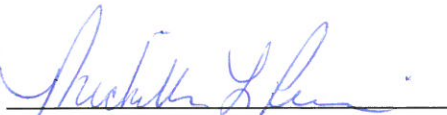
## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Board president Michelle Pierce adjourned the December 11, 2017 meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
George Sibley, Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Michelle Pierce, President

