

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
October 5, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox	Shelly Bird
Gary Harwood	Troy Mastin
Paula Noyes	Beau Fausett
Jeff Richens	Blaine Shipley
Micha Marrelli	Tony Mower

EXCUSED

Rick Davis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cox asked Harwood to lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with agenda items.

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input or corrections to the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting. Harwood motioned to accept the minutes as written. Noyes seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Noyes: The Water Treatment Plant has been running an average of 2.5 MGD and they have shift work running 24 hours per day 7 days per week. They started giving Price City water on September 17, 2021. They are cleaning up mud and completing repairs caused by the September 11, 2021 flood. On September 22, 2021 communication was lost between the plant and backwash tank, leaving the levels of the water in the tank unknown. They believe the flooding in Bear Canyon may have caused a problem with the conduits and the wires. Radio signals will be used to alleviate future problems. Equipment has been ordered to get the level sensor working again. The drive units for the chain and flight system for the surge site of the pre-treatment basin has been received. HAB samples are continuing to be taken so that the algae toxins may be monitored, but none have been detected. There has been an increase in chlorine demand in the water. The ozone feed rate has been increased and the chlorine dosage is being kept a little higher.

Jensen: The Waste Water Plant is continuing to sample for Covid 19. They are also performing repair work on the clarifier skimmer. Lawn mowing and seasonal maintenance is ongoing. Asphalt is being replaced and repaired. They have been drying and stacking sludge in the East sludge basin. The roof on the Headworks building has been cleaned and repaired.

Debris left by county has been sorted for a burn pile. In the past two weeks, 197 lab tests have been performed.

Harwood: Vehicle maintenance checks and repairs are still ongoing with the fleet as necessary. Software was purchased to update the diagnostic scanner. The water treatment plant backhoe had a new battery installed. A computer tablet was replaced.

Beau Fausett gave the department report for Davis, who is excused: A water meter was replaced due to a leak. Also repairs were completed on a few different service lines. The asbestos sample has been sent to the lab. Routine maintenance is ongoing. Miles Moosman's last day was October 1, 2021, so they are down one employee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens: The advertising period for the openings at the Water Plant and the Waste Water Plant has been closed. Applications are being reviewed. Seven or eight applicants may be interviewed. The job opening on the line crew will be on hold until these other positions are filled. The board is invited to attend the retirement luncheon for Lorvin Cottam on October 19, 2021 at noon. Reservoir report: Scofield is at 13,500 acre feet, which represents 20% capacity. The District has 740 shares remaining. This will be plenty to get into the winter. An updated conference packet was given to the board members who will be attending the UASD conference. Per diem checks were distributed to the board. Discussion was held regarding the program which Workforce Services offers to help pay heat, water and sewer for those who qualify. Beau has been in touch with a customer in the Westwood area who has water coming into their home. The District has been trying to help the customer find the leak.

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Beau presented the 2022 proposed budget for Utility Maintenance Fund. Board members asked specific questions as to this budget.

Blaine presented the 2022 budget for Waste Water Treatment Plant. The board had the opportunity to ask questions. No further discussion.

Troy explained the 2022 proposed budget for the Water Plant. No further questions or discussion from the board members.

Tony presented the proposed 2022 Fleet Budget. No further questions or discussion from the board members.

Micha presented the 2022 Administration Proposed Budget. This proposed budget did not include salaries for any of the departments. Paula inquired as to how salaries are calculated. Discussion was held including that once the district gets the information from insurance, state retirement, etc. then they can calculate salaries.

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2022 BACKHOE AND COMPACT EXCAVATOR LEASE

Richens presented bids for Backhoe leases and the Compact Excavator. The District would like authorization to extend the lease for the Compact Excavator. Gary motioned to award the bid Century Equipment for \$19,800 and extend the lease for the Compact Excavator from Wheeler Machinery. Jensen seconded the motion. Aye: Cox, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes. Motion carried.

WTP AND WWTP PROJECT

A. Approve Notice of Award.

The District is looking to have the board authorize the Notices of Award to Vancon for the Water Treatment Plant Chain and Flight Project for \$283,946.00 and the Waste Water Treatment Plant Nutrient Upgrade Project in the amount of \$3,018,850.00. Noyes motioned to sign the Notices of Award. Jensen seconded the motion. Aye: Cox, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes. Motion carried.

B. Approve Notice to Proceed.

Jensen motioned to approve the Notice to Proceed and authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement with VanCon. Harwood seconded the motion. No further discussion.

Aye: Cox, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes. Motion carried.

C. Authorize Chairman to sign 2021 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Along with the Community Impact Board, the Districts Bond Attorney, Chamberlain and Associates, have put together documents for the Chairman to sign.

Jensen motioned to authorize the chairman to sign. Seconded by Noyes. No further discussion. Aye: Cox, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes. Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

There were no items for a closed meeting session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business items were presented.

Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Harwood.

Aye: Cox, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Jac Adams, Clerk