

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
November 2, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Gary Harwood Jeff Richens
Rick Davis Micha Marrelli
Scott Jensen Shelly Bird

EXCUSED

Keith Cox

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Harwood led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Noyes presented her letter of resignation to the board explaining the reasons for her resignation and thanking the Board and District for the help to her and Wellington City during her service on the Board.

CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with agenda items.

MINUTES

Harwood asked for input or corrections to the minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting. Davis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Harwood, Davis, Jensen.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Jensen: The Waste Water Plant is continuing to sample for Covid 19. The irrigation sprinkler system and the Plant HVAC system have been winterized. Yard maintenance is continuing. Interviews have been ongoing to find a replacement for Lorvin. A construction kick-off meeting with VanCon is scheduled. A ground water pump by the aeration basin was replaced. Mark, Karsten, and Brian attended classes for the certification test. 197 lab tests have been performed.

Davis: Miller Creek Road pipe and valves have been replaced. Enough pipe was found to complete the work the county road shop needed. Twenty-three tons of asphalt was used to repair various asphalt patches for several fixed leaks.

Harwood: Tony reports vehicle maintenance checks and repairs are still ongoing with the fleet as necessary. Tony has been researching where to buy the required replacement oil for the fleet as the original oil has not been available. A safety meeting will be held November 9, 2021.

Richens: The Water Plant has completed their interviews and a main candidate has been chosen and will be approved by the board during tonight's meeting. They are receiving 500 gallon per minute from Price City from their excess water. The water usage has dropped, so the river commissioner will be notified when the plant will be switching from reservoir shares to

direct flow. The Water Plant Project (chain of flight project) has begun and the crews drained the pretreatment basin. Staff from the contractors were on site getting a feel for what will be necessary to proceed with the project. The project should be completed by mid-December. The plant is being winterized to prepare for the cold weather. The sludges from the Water Treatment Plant will be hauled to the landfill as cover material.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens: The nutrient project at the WWTP has not started yet as the contractor is still gathering information. They are working hard to get everything in place so they can begin in about 6 weeks. A customer on Spruce Circle who had water leaking between the main line and the meter submitted a claim to PRWID's insurance. The insurance (Constitution State Services) notified Richens that they are recommending the customer be paid \$17,600.00. The full cost of the replacement was \$23,000.00, but insurance pays on depreciated values and not on replacement values. Blackhawk Ranch has been in contact with PRWID. They have a proposal to purchase and develop property from Blackhawk Coal. Blackhawk Ranch is questioning what they can or can't require homeowners in the development regarding fire protection and shares. Jeff advised them they would need to come before the board to answer their questions. They may be coming before the board in the future. There will be a small extension of the water system from Chapman Lane for the home which Boyd Marsing will be building.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF 2 NEW EMPLOYEES

PRWID would like to request that Richard Scotty Burns be hired at the Water Treatment Plant and Talon Nelson to be hired at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Scotty has previous experience so he will start one step up at \$14.15 and Talon will start at \$13.60 per hour. Davis motioned to hire Richard Scotty Burns at the Water Treatment Plant and Talon Nelson to be hired at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Jensen and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Harwood, Davis, Jensen.

APPROVE PROMOTION OF JORDAN PIERCE TO PERMANENT STATUS

A letter by Beau Fausett was submitted to the Board recommending that Jordan Pierce be changed from probationary status and put on permanent status and given the customary step pay increase. Jensen motioned to approve this action as of 11/10/21. Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Harwood, Davis, Jensen.

ACCEPT BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Paula had previously explained her situation during the Public Comment Period of the meeting. URS is requiring she resign from the PRWID Board or forfeit her URS retirement. Jensen motioned to accept Paula Noyes' resignation from PRWID Board. The motion was seconded by Davis and was carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Harwood, Davis, Jensen.

APPROVE CLOSURE OF BUSINESS OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2021

As no business is usually conducted on the day after Thanksgiving, the business office is requesting to close the office that day. All will take a vacation day for that day. The closure will be advertised for Thursday and Friday. Motion was made by Davis to allow the administration

to close the business office the day after Thanksgiving. Jensen seconded the motion seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Harwood, Davis, Jensen.

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The abbreviated budget was presented to the board. Per Richens, this is not a complete budget. Davis had a question on the depreciation which is showing on the budget and Micha explained it to the board. Staff has started the process of balancing the budget with each of the departments. Richens suggested the Board study the budget and bring any questions that need to be addressed as it is staff's goal to present a balanced budget to the Board by the first meeting of December. The second meeting in December (12/21/2021) will be the budget hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richens reviewed the information with the Board regarding the conference which starts tomorrow. Because Paula is no longer going to the conference, her spot was picked up by another district for one of their board members. That board will reimburse PRWID for the fee.

At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Jensen to go into a Closed Session. Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Harwood, Davis, Jensen. Micha and Shelly were excused.

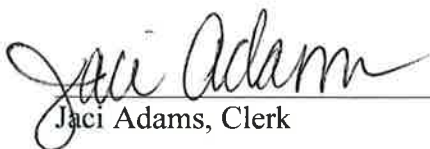
CLOSED MEETING SESSION

Roll Call: Scott Jensen, Rick Davis, Gary Harwood. As the only item to be discussed is regarding personnel, the recorder was turned off.

At 8:12 p.m., the Board came back into open meeting. No further action was taken. At 8:13 p.m., Davis moved to adjourn, Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Harwood, Davis, Jensen.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Jaci Adams, Clerk