

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
March 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox	Jeff Richens
Rick Davis	Micha Marrelli
Gary Harwood	Kendra Seeley
Scott Jensen	Cory Christianson, Water Works Engineers
	Blaine Shipley, Wastewater Plant Superintendent

EXCUSED

Paula Noyes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cox asked attendees to join 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 March 2, 2021 meeting. Davis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Jensen reported that at the waste water plant the Covid sampling is ongoing. 221 samples were collected. A few employees have been quarantined due to Covid. Sprinklers systems were repaired in preparation for Spring.

Davis reported that a pamphlet about backflow preventers was included in customers' bills. The Sacco meter billing issues were finalized. Leaks were fixed as necessary. A backflow prevention device at the water treatment plant needs to be replaced. The Marsing/Bishop water line project is ongoing. Cleaning and inspecting sewer lines are ongoing.

Harwood did not receive a report from the Fleet Department.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported on the Lessar water company project which all parties have agreed to the project with easements to follow. A final report from the legislative session was presented. The easement and agreement with Intermountain Electronics were received along with the Facilities Deed. This will be brought to a future meeting for acceptance by the Board. The Sanpete Water Conservancy District requested the quitclaim of three water rights from the Bureau of Reclamation originally planned for the Gooseberry Reservoir so they can utilize it. Richens suggested that the District write a letter in response to this. The Bureau of Land Management contacted the District about a line that crosses their property in upper miller creek.

They now require a bond or a cashier's check to ensure that reclamation of their property will occur should the District ever abandon that water line. A cashier's check will be paid in the amount of \$2,687.50. A presentation on the reduction of trihalomethanes was given and the effects of ozone on the water treatment process.

### PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:24 p.m., Davis motioned to go into the public hearing to receive input and explain the upcoming Nutrient Removal Project. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen. As the option of attending this public hearing by telephone was advertised, and the system was activated, it was restated that this public hearing was being held to hear public input on the nutrient project at the waste water plant and for public input on the bonding process. Shipley and Richens explained the project and how the phosphorus limits must be met with the new requirements by Jan. 2023. Shipley explained that a number of years ago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency directed the Utah Department of Environmental Quality to adopt phosphorous limits. Then facilities were given a time to meet those new limits. This upgrade has been planned for a number of years. The plant will undergo some updates on existing equipment and concrete at the same time. The phosphorus project upgrades will focus on the solids handling and the aeration system. The process will change the treatment process from a Trickling Filter/Activated Sludge process to a full Activated Sludge with Nutrient removal process. Some existing components will no longer be used. Some existing tanks that have been out of service will be repurposed and this will save a significant amount of money. There will be a chemical removal system installed as a backup to the nutrient removal process that will be more of a biological phosphorous removal process with a carbon source needed for feeding the microorganisms with improved and additional aeration equipment. The District will bond for \$3.1 million at 1% interest rate for a period of 20 years, with the first payment being due April 2023. A rate increase is not anticipated at this time as the District imposed an increase in January of 2018, but the District has no idea what will happen in the future and it may be necessary to have another increase in a few years. There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting and no public in attendance telephonically. As all members of the Board had their questions answered, at 7:35 p.m. Jensen motioned to close the public hearing. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

### SCHOOL REQUEST

This item is for an online program for the Water Operator certification for one employee at a cost of \$250. After some discussion, Harwood motioned to approve the request. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

### APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE OPEN POSITION

A request was made to advertise the open position in the Line Maintenance department. This position will be advertised as an entry level position, but could be filled at a higher position in a more qualified applicant is interested. Davis wanted to ensure payroll fund would be available if the position was filled with an experienced operator. Marrelli and Richens assured the Board that funds are available. Harwood motioned to approve the advertisement. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

APPROVE DRAFT WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

The draft 2021 Water Conservation Plan was given the Board a few weeks ago for their review and needs to be sent to the State who will send back comments. Davis motioned to approve the draft water conservation plan and to forward it to the state. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

There were no items for a closed meeting session.

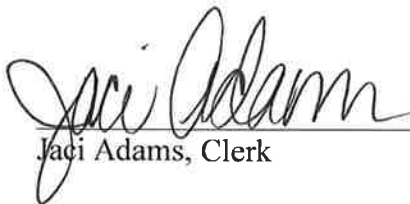
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 297 forms a Colorado River Commission and Jay Mark Humphrey from the Emery Water Conservancy District will be appointed to represent Carbon and Emery Counties.

As there was no further unfinished business at 7:45 p.m., Harwood motioned to adjourn. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Jaci Adams, Clerk