

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
April 6, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, April 6, 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  
Scott Jensen                 Kendra Seeley  
Paula Noyes

EXCUSED

Gary Harwood

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 16, 2021 meeting. Davis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Noyes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Noyes reported that the water plant is spreading the staff over more shifts to catch up on additional water demand as temperatures are warming up.

Jensen reported the wastewater treatment plant is running fine and that staff has collected 294 lab samples in the last week. Much of their time has been spent beginning the process of landscaping from winter.

Davis reported that the fleet crew has done a lot of cleaning and pot-holing to determine where to put lines for the Lessar project. There was a sewer back up in Carbonville that may need future regular maintenance due to roots. The sewer line from the RV dump to the canal was cleaned and maintenance was finished at the Zebra lift station.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported on a letter submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding their decision to quit claim certain water rights to the Sanpete Water Conservancy District. Despite the input from PRWID and other groups, they are proceeding with the quit claim. The delivery for Scofield water is at 65% this year. Dominic Kiahtipes has acknowledged that she can take on the work load for PRWID in addition to her other responsibilities and she will start working on some issues immediately which will be brought to a future meeting for ratification. 26 individuals leased water this year for a total of 501 shares. There was a meeting with Helper City concerning

the Castle Gate RV park area and its potential tax incentives requests, however there are no set plans, only preliminary ideas. Price City's Nick Tatton called to talk about the east Price sewer system and possible re-routing ideas for future development including funding ideas. In north east Price, two more developments are being considered for 48 and 32 residences each that would connect to this sewer main. This proposed sewer would cut south from Airport Road to Nick Lane to connect with the District's trunk line. There was a discussion about the potential for Price City to take over certain sewer lines in east Price. Mr. Richens made a presentation to the City Council several weeks ago and is waiting to hear back from the City's public works director.

#### SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Four employees need certifications via an online course at a cost of \$250/person plus testing fee and manual for operator certifications. The District pays for the first test for each employee and additional tests are covered by the employee. Noyes motioned to approve the training at a cost of \$250 for four employees. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Noyes.

#### APPROVE SURPLUS VEHICLE SALE

Staff is requesting authorization to surplus the 2003 ¾ ton truck with approximately 195,000 miles. It will be listed for surplus auction at \$2,500 minimum bid with a reserve at \$4,000 using publicsurplus.com. The results will be brought back to the board. Public Surplus adds an additional 10% to the bid price for their fees. Jensen motioned to approve the auction of the truck. Noyes seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Noyes.

#### IE WATER FACILITY DEED ACCEPTANCE

Intermountain Electronics installed a new main as part of their expansion project and now the Board needs to accept the line for the District to own and maintain the line. After some discussion, Davis motioned to accept the IE waterline. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Noyes.

#### PREPAID CONNECTIONS AGREEMENT

Richens presented about the status of the agreement for 17 water connections on the former Bookcliff Water Company line. The agreement requires 17 lots to be designated in order for the agreement to be fulfilled, not necessarily that the connections need to be made. The private party has not responded in over a month but they last said they want 10 years to make the connections. This item will be brought to a future meeting.

#### REVIEW OF COVID 19 POLICY

The board adopted a policy last year following state guidelines and the mask mandate. As of April 10, 2021, there will no longer be a statewide mask mandate but the District can decide to require employees to continue to wear masks. The current policy is that if an employee is within six feet from another individual, then a mask is required including in a vehicle. Another question from the employees is if the District will require the employees to get the vaccine and if not, will those who decline the vaccine be required to continue to wear masks? Approximately 25% of the employees have used leave time for COVID. Some ideas that were discussed included that

the Board felt comfortable with requiring those who are not vaccinated to still wear a mask. If an employee does not want the vaccine and contracts Covid-19, they will no longer be eligible for the additional sick leave. Should these changes be in effect until June 1<sup>st</sup> when it could be revisited? The Board directed staff to gather comments from employees and bring this item back to the next meeting.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

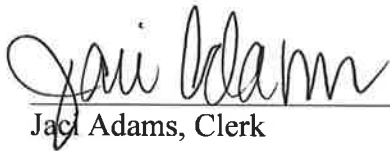
There were no items for a closed meeting session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

As there was no unfinished business, Jensen motioned to adjourn. Noyes seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Noyes.



Keith Cox, Chairman



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Jaci Adams, Clerk