PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT May 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

<u>PRESENT</u> <u>EXCUSED</u>

Keith Cox Jeff Richens
Rick Davis Micha Marrelli
Gary Harwood Kendra Seeley

Scott Jensen Tom Lund – Castle Gate RV

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 May 4, 2021 meeting. Harwood motioned to accept the minutes as written. Noyes seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Noyes reported that the water treatment plant is treating 2.5 MDG and giving Price City 300 gal/min. Staff is on 24/7 schedule. Landscaping is ongoing. Ozone is being put into the water as algae is in the water. HAB testing will begin soon.

Jensen reported at the waste water plant the Covid testing is ongoing. The return secondary sludge line had a leak and was repaired. Yard maintenance is ongoing. The main heater in the tunnel was reinstalled. 196 lab tests were collected.

Davis reported that the line crew has set meters and repaired leaks as necessary. The new employee started and is doing well. Fill dirt was hauled to the Smith sewer line. Sewer line inspections are ongoing.

Harwood reported that the fleet crew has been doing ongoing maintenance. The truck listed on public surplus sold for \$7,050 and was picked up. Safety inspections are ongoing. The water treatment backhoe had a flat tire and was repaired. Yard maintenance is ongoing. Fuel was ordered from Pierce Oil.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that Wellington Microtech contacted the District and specified that they needed between 200 and 800 gal/min. There was discussion on using the effluent from the waste

water plant instead. The Lessar water company agreement came back from the attorney and Staff is identifying all the existing infrastructure. Directional flushing will take place in Spring Glen next week and customers may have low pressure or no water throughout the day. Many new customers are paying the fee in lieu of instead of giving the District a water share. There was discussion about possibly changing the policy to require a water share instead of allowing a fee to be paid. There was a sewer backup around 1000 South and it was cleaned up.

CASTLE GATE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PROJECT AREA

Tom Lund presented to the Board about the Castle Gate Community Reinvestment Project Area. Helper City did not have in place this taxing structure when the project was under construction. They are addressing the Board after that structure was put into place and are asking for some tax relief on their property taxes. The property tax before the business was in place was \$800 total of which \$40 came to the district. The property tax last year was \$2,076 for this business and they are asking for that to be reduced to \$40 plus 25% of the tax which is \$550 for ten years. The RV park had about 8,000 nights spent in campsites last year which generated income for the community as those campers spent money in the community. They anticipate this increasing to 11,000 over the next few years. The Board wanted to table the item to be brought to a future meeting. Davis motioned to table the item. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT COMMERCIAL LAWN MOWER PURCHASE

This is a budgeted item and quotes were presented to the Board. Staff recommended to purchase from Jones Ace Hardware in Castle Dale based on price and quality. After some discussion, Jensen motioned to purchase the mower from Ace Hardware for \$4,999.99. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT BACKWASH BLOWER PURCHASED

This is a budgeted item and quotes were presented. Staff recommended to purchase from Compressor Pump & Service for \$24,568. After some discussion, Harwood motioned to purchase from Compressor Pump & Service. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

2021 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The first quarter financial report was presented and discussed.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

There were no items for a closed meeting session.

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

There was more discussion about the Castle Gate Community Reinvestment Project with no decisions being made.

As there was no further unfinished business at 8:14, Davis motioned to adjourn. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

Keith Cox, Chairman

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PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT June 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

<u>PRESENT</u> EXCUSED

Keith CoxJeff RichensPaula NoyesRick DavisMicha MarrelliKendra Seeley

Gary Harwood Wayne Fausett, Water Works Engineers

Scott Jensen

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

The May 18th minutes were not available for review and approval and will brought to a future meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Harwood reported that the fleet department has continued with preventative maintenance on the vehicles. Because of the fire, the power has been out at the water treatment plant for a few days and they have been delivering fuel for the backup generator.

Davis reported that the line crew has fixed leaks as necessary and patched asphalt. Blue stakes were completed as necessary.

Jensen reported that at the waste water plant the Covid 19 study is ongoing. Lawn maintenance is ongoing. 190 lab samples were collected and analyzed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that one individual filed for the Board position for this election cycle. Write-in's are still possible but will only be accepted during a specified time in September. If no one files, the election will not be necessary. The NRCS report for the lower elevation reservoir was discussed and two sites have been identified as potential sites. Scofield Reservoir is currently at 47% and a water report was given. The nutrient project at the waste water plant is out for bid. The BLM is taking water out at the fairgrounds and the water plant for fire suppression and agreements have been made to cover that water. The annual conference for Utah Association of Special Districts will be held in November and there was discussion on which board members would attend. Staff wants to use a local pre-qualified bidders list for the

Lessar Water Company project installation since the majority of the project is being done in house. There was discussion which will be brought to a future meeting. Harwood motioned to allow staff to use pre-qualified local contractors for this project. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

REVIEW THE RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT

A. Wayne Fausett, Water Works Engineers, presented the report to the Board and it was discussed. The report included security, the risks at each plant and a list of items that the District could do to minimize its risk. There was discussion on each different study that is required for emergency management or risk and resiliency. After some discussion, Davis motioned to approve the report and the capital projects list associated with the study as well. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

WATER FACILITY DEED ACCEPTANCE

This item is to accept the water facility deed. Harwood motioned to accept the water facility deed. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

"IN LIEU OF FEE" PROGRAM

A. A customer turned over a water share as part of the requirements to build a home. The water share was not officially transferred to the District and the assessment was charged to the customer instead. The customer then paid the in lieu of fee and requested the water share be returned to him. The Board discussed whether they should return the water share or the in-lieu fee. Harwood motioned to give the \$2,000 in lieu of fee back to the customer with any assessments or late fees paid. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

B. The issue of people paying the fee in lieu of instead turning over the water share has become a problem for the District. The District needs the water shares to service its customers and be able to provide "wet" water. Staff is asking the Board to suspend the part of the policy which allows the payment of a fee in lieu of and require each new connection to turn over the water share. Harwood motioned to suspend the in lieu of fee program effective immediately. Davis 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

There is a harmful algal bloom in Scofield and the water treatment plant is testing and treating for this.

As there was no further unfinished business at 8:09, Davis motioned to adjourn. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

Keith Cox, Chairman

Jaci Adams, Clerk