

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.

PRESENT

Keith Cox Jeff Richens
Rick Davis Micha Marrelli
Gary Harwood Wayne Fausett, Water Works Engineers
Scott Jensen

EXCUSED

Paula Noyes
Kendra Seeley

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 be 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.

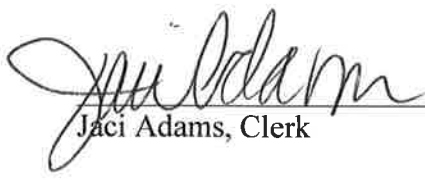
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

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Keith Cox, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaci Adams", written over a horizontal line.

Jaci Adams, Clerk