

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

August 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 17, 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	Shelly Bird
Scott Jensen	Tom Lund – Castle Gate RV Park
Paula Noyes	

EXCUSED

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cox asked attendees to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. Tom Lund was recognized for attending, but noted he will participate on the agenda.

CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with agenda items.

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input or corrections to the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting. Davis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Noyes reported the water plant has been running on an average of 4.5 MGD and were able to reduce the amount of water they have been giving to Price City from 700 gallons per minute to 300 gallons per minute, as they are now able to treat the dirty river. They are cleaning the sand trap and diversion twice per week due to the amount of sand and gravel they are getting in the sand trap. Usually cleaning is scheduled once per month. The operation and maintenance manual have been updated to require the shutdown of the diversion during the high river issues. This will help prevent the pipeline from filling with sand and gravel. Still working on plans to get water from outside of the diversion from the river to a surface scatter turbidity meter. A new turbidity meter has been ordered to replace the obsolete one on Filter #1. They can only get to the backwash tank with a 4-Wheeler due to the road being washed out.

Jensen reported Covid 19 sampling for the state is ongoing at the wastewater plant. They have been cleaning up from the storms and flooding around the plant, but mainly around the out-fall building. Mowing and seasonal maintenance is continuing. The new digester boiler was installed. When they put the new one in, the second one went out. They will need another boiler in the near future. They have been drying and stacking sludge in the East FSB. They have started

draining the south digester so they can clean and repair it. Signage on the digester's perimeter fence was replaced. One hundred and ninety-six samples have been collected this week.

Davis reported crews were called out on August 15th to fix a water leak on the line for the Water District Office as well as the RV dump and residential services southeast of the main office. The leak was on an 8 inch tee. A new 12 inch by 20-foot culvert was installed at the Questar pump house due to the old culvert being plugged and washed out. Sewer lines were flushed as well as video inspected throughout the county and crews will continue to work on them. Pinnacle lift station road was cleaned up as it was washed out by the flooding. Crews responded to a call for a resident's sewer line which they thought was not flowing. Did a video inspection on Aug 16 and found that our line was good, but the problem was in the lateral.

Harwood reported the vehicles are continuing to be serviced and maintained. The parts which had been ordered for Unit #25 (which had previously been wrecked) were received. The new grill was broken so it had to be returned. The second new grill was received on the 12th and they are getting ready to install it on the truck. Some major work was completed on Unit #1 (suspension, struts and tires). The Polaris broke down at the waste water treatment plant and will be repaired. Since they won't be slurry sealing some of the parking lot, they are going to be painting parking lots and handicaps spaces. Spaying weeds is ongoing. A forklift training class is being held.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens continued the report on the leak that Rick had reported on which feeds the office complex, and was across the street from the 1st resident down the road and had affected the whole road which is called Bacon Rind Ridge. Crews were called out and worked diligently for several hours through the night to get the problem solved. The homeowner came in to the office and let them know how much he appreciated the employees.

Richens reported there will be a second retiree this calendar year. The employee was asked to put his intentions in writing so it can be brought to the board. He hopes to have the employee's written intent to retire by next board meeting so they can get authorization to advertise for 2 positions on 1 advertisement. One position will be for the waste water plant and the other will be for the water plant.

There is a flash flood warning for our area. Crews have been at the water plant and the waste water plant making sure everything is ready for heavy water, solids, silt, debris etc. He met with the Mayor of Wellington, but not much can be done on the river. Crews were able to clean out the silt and debris that they could reach from under the bridge, but there is still a lot of stuff under there which they can't reach.

Richens met with the NRCS. They discussed the debris that is coming off Crandall Canyon up Price Canyon and would like help in controlling the amount of debris flow with rocks. Richens also let them know nothing was ever done below the railroad bridge and that has continually caused the river to back up. They toured the plant and witnessed the flood water still there. They are mostly looking at the water plant intake debris coming across the highway and destruction to private property on the Crandall Canyon side or above Price Recreation Area.

Richens notified the Division of Facilities Construction Management of the Board's discussion and decision regarding the Port of Entry. A woman finally responded by email. He sent her the information for her to work on and will let the board know if things change.

PUBLIC HEARING-WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Chairman Cox called for a motion to go into a Public Hearing for the review and to receive comment regarding the new Water Conservation Plan at 7:16 p.m. Harwood motion to go into a public hearing. Noyes seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

Richens reported that it is required by the Division of Water Resources for each water supply entity to review, update and readopt their water conservation plan every 5 years. Price River Water Conservation plan is due by December 31, 2021. The board previously set a 5 year goal of 12% reduction. The goal will be met this year, mostly because of the drought. Price River Water tries to budget water revenue based on base rates and not on overages. Some agencies may give a financial incentive. PRWID's plan was reviewed by the Division of Water Resources and all requirements have been met. Tom Lund, as a member of the public, questioned how the plan is affected by the growth of the area. Discussion was held regarding a list of items that can be controlled. Division of Water Resources would like 20% reduction however, the board has adopted 12% and DWRe was fine with that. Davis made the motion to end public hearing and return to regular schedule. Jensen seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes. Chairman Cox announced back in general session at 7:24 p.m.

CASTLE GATE RV PARK – TOM LUND

Tom Lund reminded the board his RV Park was built in 2018 when there was no development in the area. He feels the taxable value was too high, being taxed the highest in the state of Utah at that time. He is concerned that his taxable value was also incorrect in 2019 and 2020. Helper City was able to get their Community Reinvestment Area (which is a vehicle to help promote growth) approved and voted to participate with a 50% tax increment for 10 years. Carbon County will participate with a 50 % increment for 5 years. Tom is coming to PRWID Board and will also approach the school district to ask if they will participate in the CRA tax increment. Discussion on property values, tax rates, etc. continued until the board came to a decision. Harwood motioned to help Castle Gate RV Park with a tax increment of 50% for 10 years and authorize the Chairman to sign the interlocal agreement. Davis seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

AWARD OF BIDS

Discussion regarding bids was conducted by phone call with Cory Christiansen of Water Works Engineers.

A. WWTP Nutrient Project: Richens reminded the board the engineers have not received any monies for their services as of yet and encouraged a decision to be made soon.

Cory reported they had two bids, both significantly over budget. VanCon came in with the lowest bid. The board and Cory discussed the VanCon bid and what items are necessary or which we could possibly go without to help lower the bid. If we can get more funds, they can add some of the items back into the bid. Contingency costs were discussed and Cory recommended if the decision was made to go forward we keep \$100,000 in contingency for anything unforeseen that may come up. Cory does not feel the Board needs to make a motion to accept the bid yet, but wants them to be aware of the numbers. He would like an understanding as to what the board is willing to do so they can move forward. The Board agreed to have Cory go forward and they will allow up to \$200,000 in reserves.

B. WTP Chain & Flight project: Cory has cut the job back as much as possible. The discussion on different options settled on 1. The district has water revenue reserves, which could be used without hurting the district 2. Pull bid off table and get proposals for time and expense. The second option comes with a lot of risk and the board feels they are not willing to do that. The Board requested more information regarding what is in reserves and would like Cory to get some clarification on the mobilization. Richens will have reserve information by next board meeting.

WATER WORKS ENGINEERS R&RA INVOICE

Staff has requested approval from the Board to pay the billing for work completed by Water Works Engineering for the Risk and Resiliency Assessment. Davis motioned to approve the payment in the amount of \$19,067.11. Jensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

RESOLUTION 2021-3

Richens presented the Resolution by the third party administrator, Pension's West. Pension's West would like the board to adopt the plan. Micah and Jeff have been voted to be the trustees of the plan, Jason Seymour is the financial advisor. Pension's West works with them to make sure everything is done correctly. Harwood made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-3 and the Chairman to sign. Jensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Noyes.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

There were no items for a closed meeting session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS


Micha: Expressed appreciation for the fleet department who diligently supplied water to the office while the water was out.

Davis: Would it be possible to have communication between the different cities when one municipality sends out a water restriction notice? It may be a benefit for all customers in the area to know if it involves them or not. This was stemmed from PRWID sending out a recent notice of the problem with the diversion and restricting water.

Noyes: Reported on a conversation earlier today regarding a sewer line that shows on the PRWID GIS but that it is Wellington City's sewer line. Richens wanted to check to make sure Wellington knew it was there and PRWID will take it off their GIS.

Richens: Impressed with the women in the office for going without water for the day with no complaints.

Motion to adjourn by Harwood seconded by Jensen and ratified by common consent at 9:20.



Jaci Adams, Clerk



Keith Cox, Chairman