

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
August 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox
Rick Davis
Gary Harwood
Scott Jensen

Jeff Richens
Micha Marrelli
Shelly Bird
Cory Christiansen – Waterworks Engineers
Doug Rasmussen – Smuin, Rich, Marsing & Rasmussen

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 July 20, 2021 meeting. Harwood motioned to accept the minutes as written. Davis 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, Covid-19 sampling is ongoing. Lawn maintenance and weed spraying is ongoing. The tunnel expansion joint seams continue to be repaired. Still stacking sludge in the East sludge basin. Replaced signage on the digesters. Two hundred and ninety lab samples were collected.

Davis reported the line maintenance department shipped the camera back and will use their inspection camera until it is fixed. They were called out for a leaking meter on July 25. It has been repaired. Met with the county to discuss a line feeding the Carbon County Fairgrounds facility. Installed a new meter in Kenilworth on July 29. Called out on July 31 as lightening had blown fuses on the Airport tank, causing problems for the Barred Choice Tank. Called John Singleton (I.T.) out and he repaired it. Jeff Richens explained how the Airport Road pump house is set up for an emergency situation with the Barred Choice Tank allowing the County facilities to keep water service in an emergency. Davis followed up on a discussion from a few weeks ago that the Kenilworth tank level had gone low and they were concerned the pumps would burn up. Since that time, they have mirrored the SCADA screen showing all of the tanks on the system to the water plant so they can coordinate the backwash schedule with the tank pumping schedule. They can't control it from the water treatment plant but they can see the levels in the tanks now

and they are making a lot of improvement. Richen reported that has been key this past weekend, because they haven't been able to make a lot of water and the tanks have been dropping, but they are able to balance all the tanks to make sure the Kenilworth pump station did not kick on. Davis continued to report they set a 1" meter on the Coal Creek Road and also 1" meter on the Outsiders Water system in Wellington. There was a question on ownership on a leak with an owner and discovered it was on the owner's side and he is digging it up for repair. A water line was hit while digging, but has been taken care of. The meter was moved and they now know where it is for future.

Harwood reported that vehicles are continuing to be maintained as needed. Unit #22 was serviced. Unit #16 and Unit #1 are being repaired. Wastewater treatment plant truck Unit #25 has parts ordered and will be repaired when arrive. Spraying for weeds ongoing. Slurry seal project on the agenda tonight.

Cox read the report from the Water Plant for Paula. They have been running an average of 3.5 to 4 MGD. However the monsoon rains have made it difficult at times to keep the tanks full. They have shut down the plant when the raw NTU's get to 2000. There was some discussion on the policy for shutting down at 2000 ntu. The District is back to sending Price City 300 gallons per minute. As part of routine maintenance, crews hosed out the sand trap and flushed out the diversion. A lot of beaver-chewed sticks are being removed at the diversion. HAB samples are collected on Mondays. Division of Drinking Water has arranged to pick up the samples and take them to the state lab. Received backwash blower and have in case the present blower fails. John Singleton installed maintenance's SCADA screen on plant SCADA so if we see unusual demands of water we can look at the maintenance screen and see what pumps are filling the tanks.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens made everyone aware of the Public Service Announcement asking residents to not use culinary water for outside use until Thursday and to reduce usage with good results, the tanks were able to be where they needed to be. Price City also gave great support. The river has continued to clear so we will be alright. The river did leave its banks at the waste water plant and came onto plant's property but did not go over the dyke. The area not protected by the dyke was under water. The railroad bridge seems to be the problem; had debris stacked up below it and sand and mud has plugged the river way in that area. The railroad met with Blaine to see what can be done to clear it. The recent Bear Canyon fire that started up at top of the canyon where our backwash tank is contributed to a large debris flow. Last summer our line crew rebuilt that road for the water plant. The fire and the last storm has changed the landscape. It is now has a 3x3ft ditch running down the middle preventing us to drive to the tank. So crew is needing to walk up to it from the highway, which can be a problem. Once it dries out they can take a 4 wheeler up to the tank. The Price River Water Users Association has modified delivery rate from 65% to 75%. They back calculated it to the beginning of the year. This brought our reservoir water remaining report back up and we will be fine.

SMUIN, RICH, MARSING, & RASMUSSEN AUDIT REPORT

Doug Rasmussen presented the 2020 Audit Report to the Board. Overall district is within appropriation of the budget. However, staff may want to build a little more cushion into the budget as it was close. Doug reported there were "no findings" or recommendations with the

audit. Harwood motioned to accept the audit report. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEW WWTP EMPLOYEE

Richens reported they have received an official retirement notice from Lorvin Cottam at the Wastewater Plant and would like permission from the board to advertise for the position. No discussion. Harwood motioned to advertise. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows: AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

PRICE CITY REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL CONNECTION WITH FEE WAIVERS

Price City would like to request a fee waiver for a water connection on the property they are trading to the Sheriff's Posse. A lengthy discussion as to the purpose and use of the club and the property. Apparently, the Riding Club is not part of the county or contributes in any way to the county. Jensen motioned to deny the request and require all aspects as a regular connection. Harwood seconded the motion. AYE: Cox, Harwood, Jensen. ABSTAINED: Davis. Motion passed.

WATER CONNECTION REQUEST BY ANDREW JENNINGS

Andrew Jennings' family had purchased 3 connections from the West Side Water Company prior to them joining the district but had only utilized two. This is not stock, but it is an actual purchase of a connection. Jennings would like to ask the board to honor that connection. The certificate would be filed as satisfying the impact fee with the water share requirement and meter fee still being required. Harwood motioned to accept the request. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDED OF BIDS

Cory Christiansen reported that all the bids for the Plant Nutrient Upgrade and the Pretreatment Chain & Flight project (and C-Asphalt Seal) are much higher than expected. The opinion is that not enough contractors were interested on bidding. Would like to see at least 3 or 4 bids come in. The Engineers and Staff are not ready to award bids yet and would like to refine their schedules and details. There was discussion on options. Also, the Fleet Department received bids for the Service Center and Wastewater Plant Asphalt Seal project which were substantially higher than expected. Tony Mower suggested the District wait until next Spring and re-bid the asphalt seal project. The Board effectively tabled the Nutrient Upgrade and Chain & Flight projects until next meeting by taking no action. Jensen motioned to wait 1 year and advertise in March on the asphalt project. Motion was seconded by Harwood and accepted unanimously. Aye: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

WATER SERVICE DURING PORT-OF-ENTRY PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Utah State Department of Transportation has been working with the Marsing family to get easements to connect to district line so they can provide water connections to the new Port-of-Entry. Staff had activated the new line for contractors with metering through the fire hydrant. When that contractor was finish, it was shut off. It was discovered that someone turned it on some days later which is a problem because it is unmetered and no authority was granted to use the water. It was turned off again. Then someone activated the meter and turned the main on to the building on West side of highway which was flooded using 29-30,000 gallons of water.

Now the meter has been locked out and the main has been shut off again with a block to prevent access to the main. To date, there are no signed easements, no facility deed from state, and no one wants to activate the account. The State of Utah Division of Facility Construction and Management wants to write a PO and be responsible for the account from this point forward. They do not want to pay for the water that has already been used nor wait for the easement and facility deed to be completed. They are making a request to the board to allow a meter for the hydrant and waive the fee for the water used. Harwood motioned to deny their request until the easement is signed, the District gets the facility deed, the state pays for the water loss, and activates the account. Davis seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

WTP FILTER #1 TURBIDITY METER PURCHASE

This meter purchase is in the budget. It includes a cable to allow the controller to run 2 meters at once. Davis motioned to approve the purchase of the meter and the cable in the amount of \$2,225.48. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

There were no items for a closed meeting session.

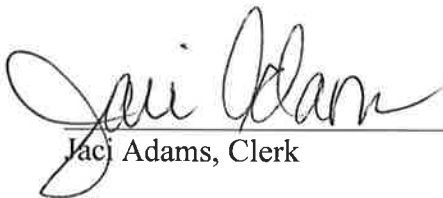
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Davis asked the board if something changes with the relationship between the Posse and the County would the board allow the posse to come in and be on the agenda to further explain their request. The Board would welcome the Posse.

As there was no further unfinished business, motion to adjourn by Davis and ratified by common consent at 8:52 p.m.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Jaci Adams, Clerk