

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
February 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox  
Gary Harwood  
Rick Davis  
Scott Jensen  
Barney Zauss

Micha Marrelli  
Jeff Richens

EXCUSED

Shelly Bird

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and noted that all Board Members were present as well as Micha Marrelli and Jeff Richens. Shelly Bird was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Harwood led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with any agenda items.

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input to the minutes of the February 1, 2022 board meeting. As there were no corrections or additions, Davis moved to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Harwood reported that at the wastewater plant they are still participating in the state COVID study. VanCon is working every day on the project. They installed a new valve from the South digester and the waste activated sludge line was flushed out. Crews have trenched on the west and north sides of the north bio-filter, back-flushed the supernatant line from the FSB's, and collected samples for 197 lab tests.

Zauss reported that the Fleet Department has been working on the truck that was in an accident repairing damage and paint along with replacing hinges on the service bed doors saving the District several thousand dollars. They are working on a power steering pump on another unit and working on the sewer cleaning truck to get it back in service 100%. He was impressed that in many cases, the operator or the driver finds a problem and reports it for repairs rather than letting it go until it really gets serious.

Jensen reported that the Line Maintenance crew replaced the heater unit at the Airport pump station. They have been coordinating new backflow prevention devices being installed. They responded to a partial sewer blockage in Main Street in Price. They installed a new meter in Miller Creek and worked with a homeowner whose water line was frozen in Spring Glen.

Davis reported that on February 5, 2022, a semi-truck rolled into the river spilling fuel and oil. The water plant crews, along with Helper Fire and others, responded with oil absorbent booms and pads to prevent petroleum products from entering the water system. The staff shut off the water plant intake for two days relying on the tank volumes and checked on the water quality. The new back-wash blower was installed and the old one will be sent for evaluation to see what the cost for a rebuild will be. The stainless-steel bracings under the channel supports will be installed next week when the specialized drill bits arrive.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that a train derailed on February 12, 2022 one mile below Scofield Reservoir dumping about five cars. Nothing got into the river and the Division of Environmental Quality will monitor the cleanup. Carbon Canal is wanting to put their water rights into a "water bank", but several of their rights are under contract with the District so he is working with the canal company to ensure everyone is of the same understanding. Sampling for polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) was completed with no detection in the District's water supply. The updated contact list of employees and board members was distributed. Richens then reported on the legislative progress of the 2022 session and explained those proposed changes to the laws which might impact the District and the Cities.

#### SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE REQUEST WEAU CONFERENCE

Staff is requesting permission for two employees from the wastewater plant and one employee from administration to attend the WEAU conference from April 13-15, 2022 in St. George at a cost of \$300.00 per person plus motels and meals. Harwood moved to approve three employees to attend the WEAU conference. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVE 2022 VEHICLE PURCHASE

A Bid Tabulation for the purchase of a 2022 SUV was presented to the Board. Local vendors as well as State Contract holders submitted bids. Ford, Chevrolet, and Dodge were all represented. Some were not able to meet specification and a few were not able to give an estimated delivery date. After much discussion, Zauss moved to approve the purchase of the 2022 SUV from the lowest bidder who met specifications and could deliver a vehicle, Ken Garff Ford, in the amount not to exceed \$35,139.63. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

#### APPROVE WWTP LAB EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

A Bid Tabulation was submitted for the purchase of a DRB200 Digital Reactor Block for the wastewater treatment plant lab. This will enable staff to accurately perform COD analysis.

Jensen moved to approve the purchase from HACH in the amount of \$1,302.08. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

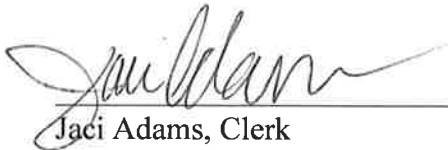
There were no items of unfinished business to discuss.

Harwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 8:13 p.m. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.



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Keith W. Cox, Chair – Board of Trustees



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Jaci Adams, Clerk