

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
March 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, March 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

Jeff Richens  
Micha Marrelli  
Shelly Bird  
Cory Christiansen  
Spencer Loveless

EXCUSED

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and noted all Board Members were present as well as Jeff Richens, Micha Marrelli, Shelly Bird, Cory Christiansen and Spencer Loveless.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Harwood led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with Agenda Items

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input to the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Board Meeting. As there were no corrections or additions, Harwood moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting. Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Barney reported that general maintenance is continuing with the district's fleet. The lease on the 2 backhoes will be up on March 26, 2022. The district will be renting two used Case Backhoes until the new ones come. The snow plow made it through the winter but needs some repairs. Parts have been ordered but will not be in for 2-3 weeks.

Jensen reported that maintenance is ongoing for the line maintenance crew. A sewer problem was found on Haycock Lane and was been repaired. Central Water Park had a leak which resulted in the water being shut off. A heater was installed at the airport pump house. There was an air/vac leaking on Ridge Road which was fixed.

Rick reported that current water treatment is about 1.5 million gallons per day with 2 shifts running. The district is still receiving 400 gallons per minute from Price City. There were some turbidity issues, but we were able to treat it without any problems. Some repairs were made on the belt press belt alignment. When they were hosing out the west block of the sediment basin they

notice the chain drive for the chain and flight was loose, so the chain was shortened and everything is working well now.

Gary reported sampling is continuing for the Covid study. Vancon is continuing to work on the project. There was some excavating done around the 3 water lines on the East side of the digester building. The lift station pumps were de-ragged. The north digester was cleaned and repair was completed on the Gardner Denver compressor.

### SPENCER LOVELESS

Mr. Loveless has a new 3D printing company which is focusing on bringing manufacturing back to America and needs to hire more employees. In order to attract employees so that the business owners in our area can grow, there is a need for more homes. It is Spencer's opinion that water seems to be the issue with new home developments. Spencer proposed to the Board that if new developments were HOA's the number of shares could be decreased, allowing the HOA's to limit and control the amount of water for each new home. He would like to suggest a variance change to the District's water share requirement. The Board informed him that PRWID only owns about 10% of water in the reservoir. The policy is that the district has enough shares so that in the event there is a shortage year, the district can still meet the water needs of the community. The Board understands farmers do not want to give up their water but doesn't feel the board should change policy to put the district in the situation that they can't provide in a 50% year. The Board suggested Spencer contact the Conservancy District and Price River User Association and see if they could consider some options. If everyone coordinated and worked together perhaps the amount of water an individual receives could not be lowered but maybe water could be freed up somewhere to help the growth of the whole area. The Board is not willing to have PRWID take on that burden by themselves.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens handed out the agenda for the Water Law Conference and reviewed the details. Members received a per diem check. He recently met with the contractors and engineers and informed them that they need to let him know if they are having problems with delivery with the equipment and materials at the WWTP. The concerns will be expressed to the State of Utah in the case that the compliance date may be extended. Original compliance date was January 1, 2023. It has been changed to January 1, 2024. The Reservoir report was presented and explained to the Board. The Legislative Report was given to each board member. Richens went through each bill related to the District and mentioned if it passed or failed.

### 2022 WATER LEASE PROGRAM

The lease form that is used each year was included in the packets for the board. Discussion was held regarding last year's leases. Because of the condition of the reservoir, the staff is recommending PRWID does not lease shares this year. If PRWID leases, they may run the risk of not being able to provide water to the ones they are obligated. Jensen motioned that PRWID not lease any water for 2022. Zauss seconded the motion. No further discussion. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss. Motion carried unanimously.

## 2022 MWPP DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

This is the Municipal Waste Planning Program the board was to adopt by resolution in the past. There have been some modifications because the EPA now has the Clean Water Needs Survey. So PRWID only needs to do part of the MWPP (financials and collection system) under the Utah Sewer Management Program. The minutes need to reflect that the Board has been informed of this information. No motion is needed.

## CARBON COUNTY RIDGE ROAD SEWER LINE MOUS

Recently County Commissioner Jensen came before the board and asked for help to put a right of way for a sewer line west of Wellington up towards Ridge Road for industrial properties. Commissioner Jensen indicates that he has negotiated easements for nine sewer connections. There was discussion to clarify what PRWID's involvement would be, time frame for project commitment and the impact on the nine specific residential and industrial properties. If the board grants these nine prepaid connections, which would be the impact fees for those property owners, the connections have to be used on the properties that the sewer lines go through. They can't be transferred to someone or somewhere else. PRWID's participation is to waive the impact fee in exchange for the easement to go through the owner's property. Connection fees are not included. Davis motioned to approve the request from Carbon County for the prepaid sewer connections related to the Ridge Road Sewer Line project that would include the nine total residential connections that have been identified. These connections are committed for Nick Sampino, Neilson Construction, Ryan Mills, Rick Borrell, RD Campbell, Kevin Marcell, Jay Critchlow and two connections to UCP Inc. Wellington Microtec is not included. PRWID will waive the impact fee for the identified property owners to allow PRWID easement on their property and allow the county to complete their sewer project with a 10-year period of time. Harwood seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

## CARBON CANAL POINT OF DIVERSION PROTEST

Carbon Canal has filed a change application. This change is found in the packet "ITEM 11". Part of that water right is already leased to PRWID for 50 years, with 35 years left on the lease. Richens has spoken with Craig Smith, PRWID's water right attorney. Smith suggested they can file the protest for the district, he can represent the district and it is a good thing to protest because it is already under contract. The district does not put this type of thing in the budget, but does have a Tort Liability Fund which will pay for the protest. Harwood motioned to protest the change application. Zauss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

## WWTP NUTRIENT PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #1

There are three items on Change Order #1. 1. The slide gates need to be modified. 2. Additional work needs to be done to change out a mud valve. 3. Complete concrete repair on Digester #2 to address degradation to the digester lid anchor bolts. Total cost is \$13,446.82 to be added to the contract. Harwood motioned to approve Change Order #1 for \$13,446.82. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

### WWTP MOWER PURCHASE APPROVAL

The WWTP has a 54" mower that needs to be replaced. This size of mower is unavailable to purchase for 8 months. Tony recommended the district purchase a 48" mower and bagging system from Jones Ace Hardware in Castle Dale for \$5699.98, as it is the lowest bid received. This mower will need to be purchased quickly while it is in stock or it may be another 6 months before one will become available. Jones Ace Hardware is very good with replacing parts and servicing their mowers. Harwood motioned to purchase the 48" lawn mower that Tony is recommending for \$5699.98. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

### WTP C1 17 ANALYZER PURCHASE APPROVAL

Information regarding this purchase is unavailable. Harwood motioned to table this item. Motion was seconded by Zauss. Motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

### APPROVAL OF FLEET TRAINING CLASSES

Employee training is now available in-house so no travel is needed. Classes are \$40.00 per person. Two classes would be \$319.92 for four employees. March 22 classes will be held at the shop. Employees will need to be paid overtime to complete the classes. Overtime expenses are in the budget. Zauss motioned to approve the fleet training classes for four fleet employees. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.


### CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Micha will be ordering uniforms. Anyone interested in getting a shirt needs to let her know. Utah Water Users and Water Law Conference will be held March 21-23 in St. George. Jeff and Cory are finding more things that need to be replaced at the WWP. They informed the Board that more expenses may be required. Cory let the Board know that the staff and contractors want to fix any problems correctly. Gary will represent the board on short notice to help the district make decisions. The project is predicted to be completed in 1 year. Any changes will always be brought to the Board for approval.

Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Harwood, Davis, Jensen, Zauss.

  
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Jaci Adams, Clerk

  
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Keith Cox, Chairman