

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
April 5, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, April 5, 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
Michael Ross – Water Works Engineers

EXCUSED

Shelly Bird

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and noted all Board Members were present as well as Jeff Richens, Micha Marrelli, and Michael Ross representing Water Works Engineers. He also excused Shelly Bird from the meeting.

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 March 15, 2022 board meeting. Jensen pointed out that on page 3, right away should read right-of-way. With that change, Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

The Chair asked Michael Ross to take a few moments to introduce himself to the Board. Michael started by speaking about Cory Christiansen, who recently passed away. Michael spoke about the first time he and Cory travelled to this area to acquaint Michael with the District. Cory spoke fondly of this area, and especially the District and the friends he found here. He also explained that he would be making sure our needs were being met and our projects were completed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Zauss reported that the airbag problem on Unit #22, 2013 K2500 has been fixed. The two John Deere backhoes have been traded out with replacements of Case backhoes from Century Equipment. Two tires on the dump trailer were found to be needing replacement. Due to limited selections, the District purchased four tires and will stock two for future needs. Slurry seal bids will be discussed later in the meeting.

Jensen reported that the line maintenance crew has set two new meters, replaced two old meters with new, and are working on preparing asphalt repairs from last winter. They have also started cleaning and video inspecting the sewer system and injecting root killer in the areas near the Legacy Inn, 2250 North in Carbonville, and Pitts Loop Road.

Davis reported that the District is still receiving water from Price City, but with the warming weather this will end soon. The plant is producing about 1.5 mdg and is running two shifts daily. Crews have removed the second decant pump base to rebuild it and found upon re-installation that the check valves on both pumps had worn and were letting water flow back into the settling basin. Crews have replaced the check valves and things are working properly. Staff pressure washed basin #2 and #4 and they are ready for the high flow season.

Harwood reported sampling is continuing for the Covid study. Staff is working with VanCon to ensure that all components of the treatment process remain in place during the project. They have rebuilt the 3-water system in the Digester building and done repair work in the showers. The Utah Division of Water Quality completed their bi-annual inspections and all went well.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that the State is using the data generated from the wastewater COVID study to determine outbreaks before the spread of the virus happens in the hopes that this can act as an early warning to control future outbreaks of the virus. The District is utilizing the lease of water from PacifiCorp into April to preserve as much water in Scofield as possible. PRWUA set the delivery rate at 70% per share and the reservoir is currently at 31% of capacity compared to 56% capacity last year. As crews clean the sewer system, sometimes bubbles come up into people's floor drain or toilets. We are not pushing water up into their homes, but people can become concerned. Both the WTP and WWTP project are waiting on parts from suppliers. The Chain & Flight project is the most critical as the water season is soon to be here. Water Works Engineers is starting to put additional pressure on the contractor and subcontractor to complete this project.

CARBON WATER COMMITTEE RETURN OF FUNDS

Many years ago, the District contributed funds to the Carbon Water Committee with several other entities in the county. It was discovered that funds were still held in an account and it was the desire of all parties to return the unexpended funds back to those entities that contributed in the percentages of their contributions. Harwood moved to approve the receipt of \$3,438.84 into the budget. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE REQUEST

The Fleet Department is requesting approval to attend a training through Kenworth Sales in the amount of \$40 per person toward satisfying the certification requirements to purchase AC refrigerant and to work on vehicle AC units. Davis moved to approve this training. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

A. Line Locator Purchase – Three bids were presented for the purchase of a line locator. After some discussion, Jensen moved to approve the purchase from Intermountain Sales in the amount of \$3,186.00. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

B. Chlorine Analyzer – The water plant is requesting to purchase a CL-17 chlorine analyzer and controller from HACH in the amount of \$5,589.92. This is a sole-source purchase. Davis moved to approve this purchase. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

C. WTP Project Payment#3 – This item was to pay application #3 from VanCon for work completed on the Chain & Flight project. Zauss moved to approve the \$21,375.00 payment. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

D. WWTP Project Payments #3, #4, #5 – These are all payment from the nutrient project at the wastewater plant from January, February, and March. Jensen moved to approve these payments in the respective amounts of \$313,500.00, \$209,000.00, and \$257,925.00. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

E. Slurry Seal – Staff sent out bid packages to several companies that perform parking lot and asphalt maintenance but only received one bid in return. The low bid for the Fairgrounds Complex was \$44,011.53 and the bid for the WWTP was \$70,609.23 from Morgan Pavement Maintenance. Zauss moved to award these bids to Morgan Pavement in the amounts bid. Harwood seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Harwood, Jensen, Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zauss took a few moments to inform the Board that Wellington City has been working with the District's staff to bring their accounts current and that now has been completed. He thanked the staff of the District for working with the City's staff to train and clarify the process.

With no further business before the Board, Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Jensen seconded and the motion carried by acclamation.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Laci Adams, Clerk