

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

August 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox
Rick Davis
Scott Jensen
Lenise Peterman
Barney Zauss

Jeff Richens
Micha Marrelli
Anna Barrett
Tony Mower
Beau Fausett

EXCUSED

Shelly Bird

John Nielsen
Jacob Martinez
John Singleton

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and noted all Board Members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with Agenda Items

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input to the minutes of the August 2, 2022 board meeting. As there were no corrections or additions, Davis moved to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2022 meeting. Peterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Peterman, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Zauss reported that the 2022 Explorer was put into service. The Polaris Ranger is currently up for auction with a current bid of \$2,200.00 and will finish next week. The Fleet Department is catching up on work and will be returning to developing the Driver Training program as soon as possible.

Davis reported that the water plant has been producing between 3.5 and 4 million gallons per day. The crew is rerouting the sprinkler lines to accommodate the new drain field project. 3 new wireless access points have been installed to enhance cell phone coverage so the employees can be reached even when outside. Crews are flushing the alum chemical lines to prevent build up. Items are being added to the O&M manual for those instances when employees have an unusual situation so that other operators can refer to those notes when similar things happen.

Peterman reported that sampling for COVID-19 is ongoing. VanCon is rebuilding the secondary clarifier pumps along with several other aspects of the project. Blaine will be taking her through the wastewater plant in a few weeks to improve her understanding and knowledge of the process and its terminologies.

Jensen reported that line maintenance has been fixing several leaks per week for the past few weeks including one that was in a mainline vault. Some leaks were able to be fixed during the work day, but some needed to be fixed after hours. Also, a number of new meters have been installed so more meter boxes have needed to be built. Crews have been assisting both the water and wastewater plants in their projects. Kevin Mele has submitted his two-week notice with his last day being August 26, 2022.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens presented a letter from VanCon outlining further delays from their suppliers and explaining that some of the critical equipment in the nutrient project is now delayed until January 2023. Previously, the District received approval from Water Quality to allow the project to be completed at the end of 2023 so there shouldn't be a problem at this time. The wastewater plant was under by-pass for 7 days last week. As the sewer flow could not be shut off, it was diverted to the sludge basins as temporary storage and now will be sent through the treatment plant to be treated normally. A minor change order from the water plant project will come before the board at the next meeting for approval. The department heads are working on items for the 5-year plan as well as information for the Board regarding cost increases for services and supplies to the District for discussion with the Board about rates and revenues. Scotty Burns passed his Water Treatment II certification test.

CARL JONES'S REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Anna Barrett came before the Board on behalf of Carl Jones to request an extension to the reimbursement agreement in place between Mr. Jones and the District. Richens began the discussion by explaining the history of Mr. Jones's request, the details of the agreement, and any restrictions that were discussed and approved in that agreement. Anna then explained that the agreement is now three years old, but that the waterline is not yet hooked up to their property. There are no other requested changes to the details of the agreement other than that the approved 10-year period start on September 1, 2022. After all questions were answered, Jensen moved to approve changing the termination date of the agreement to be September 1, 2032. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Peterman, and Zauss.

NUTRIENT PROJECT PAY APPLICATION #9

Pay application #9 from VanCon for work, equipment, and supplies received and installed during the month of July 2022 was presented to the Board in the amount of \$311,988.55 for approval. It was noted that this brings the project to approximately 66% completion. Upon review of the request, Zauss moved to approve the payment to VanCon in the amount of \$311,988.55. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Peterman, and Zauss.

POTENTIAL REVENUES DISCUSSION

As per direction of the Board, Richens prepared and presented a list of additional revenue sources for discussion and consideration. The list outlined what additional revenues could be realized by the District if the board raised the property tax rate collected, increased water or sewer rates, and/or increased the water use overage rates. Both wholesale and retail rates were discussed.

Incremental increases to all options were also discussed. The next part of this discussion will be to consider the five-year plan that will be presented by the department supervisors along with a report outlining cost increases that have been absorbed over the past few years without increases. Additional ideas discussed were finding a mixed option where a combination of taxes and rates would achieve the goals and priorities of the Board, and also securing professional services to complete a wage scale study for the District. As this was a discussion item only, it will be brought forward for further discussion. No action was taken.

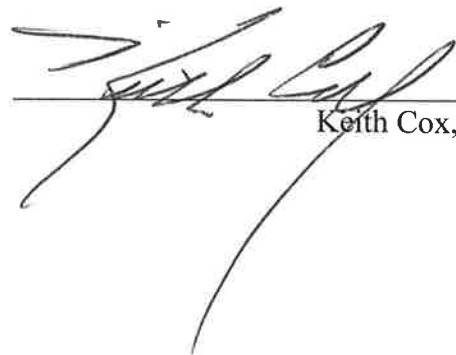
CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marrelli explained to the Board that the Permanent Community Impact Board had notified the District that the monies left unexpended from the 2018 Sewer Refurbishment Project along Highway 6 were now past their time for use. Without the addition of more funds, the remaining money would not have been enough to complete more sewer lining nor could the money be transferred to another sewer project. Approximately \$238,000.00 was returned to the CIB and used as a principal payment to reduce the debt of the District for that project.

As there was no further unfinished business or items to discuss, Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Peterman, and Zauss.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk