

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
August 2, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Scott Jensen	Troy Mastin
Rick Davis	Blaine Shipley
Barney Zauss	Jordon Pierce
Lenise Peterman	Jacob Martinez
Jeff Richens	Beau Fausett
Shelly Bird	John Nielsen
Tony Mower	Bryan Gilson
Patrick Hanson	Jordan Poole
Richard Schade	Rick Leamaster

EXCUSED

Keith Cox
Micha Marrelli
Brent Richardson
Ross Bryner
John Singleton
Zeph Tucker
Mike Robertson

Vice-Chairman Davis welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and excused Chairman Cox and Micha Marrelli

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Davis asked the attendees to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lenise Peterman was sworn in as a PRWID Board Member.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with Agenda Items

MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Davis asked for input to the minutes of the July 19, 2022 Board Meeting. Vice-Chairman Davis gave Lenise an opportunity to read the minutes and she reported she had read them already and was good with them. As there were no corrections or additions, Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2022. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Davis, Jensen, Zauss, Peterman.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Lenise reported sampling is continuing for the Covid 19 study. Many tasks have been completed regarding basins, drain valves, and 207 lab test and samples have been completed.

Scott reported many leaks have been repaired, as well as a meter box by the line crew. One of the employees is out with Covid, so the crew helped read master meters. A waterline was verified and Ross took some GPS points for it. The sewer lines were clean at Quail Hollow out to Old-Wellington Road.

Barney reported all of the vehicles are back in service. The Explorer was picked up today. The Vactor was returned with new tanks. Ground maintenance is continuing.

Rick reported the District is running an average of 3.5 to 4 million gallons per day. Price City is still receiving 300 gallons a day. VanCon dropped off the actuator controls at the pre-treatment building and are preparing to install it. Results were returned from the Utah Department of Health regarding the raw Harmful Algae Bloom samples. The results were a minimum concentration reported on a quantitative value, meaning it is below a detectable level. There has been an increase of algae in the river and the filter runs at the plant are getting shorter due to the high head loss. Testing of the finished water will now be tested for HAB at the Martin Vault per the Division of Drinking Water's request. Samples will be taken weekly and the shipping and testing will be paid for by the Division of Drinking Water. Maintenance crew is continuing to help with the sewer drain field project. The diversion is continuing to be flushed as well as hosing out the sand trap.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens shared a report on the reservoir which shows it is 35% full. When it is full it has capacity for 2 years of water. Right now the release is greater than the inflow. Also, he explained the reservoirs' shares chart. The District is expecting they will end up with 500-600 shares by October. The reports indicate there will be enough water. Richens reported that there is still one more year on the audit contract, therefore they will not go out for requests from auditing firms until next summer. The pending fence project will have new bid requests going out. Bids will be accepted until September 1 and be awarded September 6. Richens reminded the Board that they will need to sign up for the Utah Association of Special District training, which will satisfy the requirement by Utah Code for Board Members. A thank you card was read which the district received from Terrie Mills. She was very grateful and appreciative for the work that was rendered in her behalf.

APPROVE NUTRIENT PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #2

The District requires a work change directive which includes the contractors and engineers. Jeff referred the Board to Item 8 in the packet for reference and specific information. The total for the change order is \$5,382.00. Zauss moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$5,382.00. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Davis, Jensen, Zauss, Peterman.

APPROVE SURPLUS OF POLARIS RANGER & ADVERTISE

The 2003 Polaris Ranger has been replaced and the District is wanting approval from the Board to list it on surplus. Tony is recommending starting the bid at \$1500.00 and the reserve price at \$2500.00. Zauss moved to approve the surplus and sale of the Polaris Ranger with a minimum bid of \$1,500.00 and a reserve price of \$2,500.00. Jensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Davis, Jensen, Zauss, Peterman.

WATER METER COST INCREASES

The packet contained information on ¾" and 1" meter costs from 2020 as well as the current cost in 2022. The district is proposing to increase the purchase of the ¾" water meter to \$2000.00 and the 1" water meter to \$2500.00 due to increased costs for materials. This increase is only for

new water meter connections. Jensen moved to approve the increase of a ¾" water meter to \$2000.00 and a 1" water meter to \$2500.00. Peterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Davis, Jensen, Zauss, Peterman.

WAGE SCALE MODIFICATION DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairman Davis recognized the many employees in attendance who are interested in the wage scale discussion. He made it clear that this was a discussion only and that the Board is not prepared tonight to either accept or decline any wage modifications discussed. Richens shared wage information from Price City and Carbon County. Discussion was held on starting wages for different responsibilities, wage scale options, supervisor wages, CDL requirements, the consideration of the budget, the advantage and worth of benefits. The Board is concerned about the rising cost of all expenses. Vice-Chairman Davis advised that the Board members would take the information discussed and think about what needs to be done and look at the budget. It is obvious that the employees' wages need to be modified and the Board wants to do what is best for the employees. Employees in attendance feel that the wage scale would mostly benefit new employees and seems to be punishing supervisors. Employees feel like they are training new employees just to have them leave and go work somewhere else. It was suggested that perhaps customer rates could be increased. It was opined that customers would be willing to pay more for services as they understand the rising cost of living. Davis suggested maybe hiring professional services to do an evaluation of the wage scale and see if it is fair. He also voiced how much the Board appreciates the employees.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

With no further business, Jensen moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Peterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Davis, Jensen, Zauss, Peterman.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk