

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

October 3, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox
Rick Davis
Scott Jensen
Barney Zauss
Shelly Bird

Jeff Richens
Micha Marelli
Kim Wood
Beau Fausett
Zeph Tucker

Troy Mastin
Blaine Shipley

EXCUSED

Lenise Peterman

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting noting that all Board Members present with the exception of Lenise Peterman who is excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Davis led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Shelly addressed the board to thank them for the opportunity to work with them as recorder to the Board, and expressed that she will miss everyone.

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with Agenda Items.

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input to the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Board Meeting. As there were no corrections or additions. Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Zauss let Troy give a verbal report. Crews had to replace two of the raw sample pumps, and a new sample pump has been ordered. We were able to replace the filter influent pump with one that we had. Alum lines have been flushed with hot water as we do every few months. Staff is preparing for winter and looking at projects we want to finish before freezing weather. Crews are still doing HAB samples once a week with pesticide sampling and regular lab sampling yesterday.

Jensen reported crews did monthly bacteria and residual samples. They replaced 3 more AY McDonald meters, helped Chris read master and residential meters, fixed settlement at the Duncan Vault from a leak inside the box, cleaned up around a few meter leaks. Vactored parts of the South Price sewer system and finished the 3-month Vactor schedule maintenance. Cleaned out the sand/oil separator for the mechanics, and fixed a leak at the Coal Creek vault.

Peterman was not in attendance, but Blaine was able to report that they are cleaning out the sludge basin, still coating the digester with roof sealant, helping Vancon with concrete who is currently cutting 60 holes in one primary clarifier walkway. This is taking them about 1 hour per hole. Staff is

working on fine-tuning the plant to meet the new EPA standards for next year. The wastewater coming into the plant is inconsistent and hard to treat sometimes.

Davis reported Unit 5, 2005 F250 had an engine light come on and was running rough. Crews are still working on it, possibly a bad coil. The Yanmar tractor engine arrived, but is not what was ordered. What was ordered was a ¾ complete engine, but a full engine was shipped. They talked to Cox Automotive and they are going to honor the sale of the engine for the price of the ¾ and crews will give them spare parts off what would have been a ¾ engine. The water haul trailer 2" high-pressure pump quit working as water got into the electrical components. Staff ordered replacement parts and they should be here in a few days. The 2024 truck from Ken Garff has been ordered but no delivery date is known due to problems with the Ford Company labor issues. Casey Ware, from Rocky Mountain Power is suggesting the east maintenance building have a 400-amp service for the building for future requirements.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens passed around a Thank You card from SEUALG for the assistance that they received on the new building and reminded the Board that the District waved their impact fees and water share requirements. They did pay the hard costs for the meters that were installed. They are just about ready to open for business. We are working with them to obtain a facility deed. Richens reported that Scofield Reservoir, as of October 2, has an elevation of 7,613 ft., which makes it 4 ft. from spilling. 82 ½ % full. Carbon Canal needs to redo a culvert that goes under the canal and a water line, so we are working with the canal company to reroute the waterline to keep that customer in service. The project could take up to 60-90 days. Lastly, all cell phones will sound an alert October 4, 2023 at 12:20 on a nationwide test from FEMA.

PRELIMINARY 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENTS

Administration is looking at the same budget as 2023 except for state retirement, wages, and insurance rates. Those amounts are unknown currently.

The WWTP budget for 2024 is expected to stay around the same as 2023 with the exceptions of a big differences with power, equipment maintenance and chemicals.

Beau explained the expected budget for Line Maintenance. Overall, they are looking at an increase in laboratory services, laundry and uniforms and meter/radio upgrades with a decrease in sewer line repair & maintenance.

The WTP budget is expected to stay the same as 2023 with a slight shift from the equipment maintenance and building maintenance to supplies special and chemicals.

Fleet Maintenance is expected to have an increase in their 2024 budget. With the increases to equipment maintenance and building maintenance. The budget that was presented is representing as if the district were to purchase equipment vs leasing. Additional information for the east property building, fence, and gates, as well as a vehicle replacement is being budgeted into next year.

APPROVE WWTP SPECTROPHOTOMETER PURCHASE

The WWTP is wanting to purchase a Spectrophotometer to help run the nearly 600 labs sample a month to maintain the water quality that the state expects. Three quotes were obtained and the DR3900 from HACH is the best option. Zauss moved to approve the purchase of the Spectrophotometer DR3900 from HACH for \$6,210.00. Jensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE WWTP WASTE GAS BURNER CONTROL PANEL PURCHASE

The WWTP needs to replace the control board/touch screen for the waste gas burner for \$3,200 plus shipping. This is a sole source item. Davis moved to approve the purchase of the control

board/touch screen for the waste gas burner for \$3,200 with shipping from L&J Technologies. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE FLEET REPLACEMENT TIRE MACHINE PURCHASE

Fleet wants to purchase a tire machine from O'Reilly Auto Parts. The tire changer that they currently use is 27 years old and has developed multiple problems. They have found one that is like the one they have now; a Coats RC-45E Tire Changer for \$5,595.00 Jensen moved to approve the purchase of a Coats RC-45E Tire Changer from O'Reilly Auto Parts for \$5,595.00. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE WTP FILTER JUDGE PURCHASE

The WTP needs to purchase a Filter Bed Core Sampler. This will enable them to measure the filter media depth and view its overall condition. The Division of Drinking Water requires the sampling of the filter media periodically. Zauss moved to approve the purchase of the USA BlueBook Filter Judge Filter Bed Core Sampler, 14'L with case for \$3,534.95. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Jensen seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk