

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
December 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox
Rick Davis
Barney Zauss
Jeff Richens
Micha Marelli

Kim Wood
Beau Fausett
Jacob Martinez
Troy Mastin
Riley Christensen

EXCUSED

Scott Jensen
Lenise Peterman

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and noted that Scott Jensen and Lenise Peterman were excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Davis led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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 November 21, 2023 Board Meeting. One correction was noted in the public hearing section. A correction to Tom Matthews' comment adding the word property to the word tax. Davis moved to approve the corrected minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Davis reported Unit #4, 2007 Dodge Ram 2500 is having problems with the blend doors on the heating and air conditioning ventilation. The parts have been ordered and should be here tomorrow. This truck is out of service. Unit #5, 2005 F-250 has been prepared for surplus sale. Unit #11, 2003 Chevrolet had an instrumentation cluster that kept going dark. The replacement cluster should have arrived and technicians will be working on it. The truck is still out of service. The Yanmar tractor parts have arrived and this will be back in service soon. The operator of the Kenworth tractor reported that it would not shift from road mode to work mode. The replacement for the faulty part was ordered and it should be back in-service tomorrow afternoon. One ELDT driving test is scheduled for December 7th and the other operator that is reviewing the training for in-cab inspections will take the test on December 14th. The mechanics are reviewing and upgrading the maintenance books.

Zauss reported the WTP is running 1.5 million gallons a day. Crews are still running 8 hour day shifts on Saturday and Sunday. Crews are working on cleaning things up for tours and installed a unisex sign for their restroom. Troy did interviews for the open position and two operators have been studying to take their next certification test.

As Jensen was excused from the meeting, Beau Fausett reported that they fixed a main line water leak between Country Hollow subdivision and Kay Cripps' house. They are going to fix another leak on Thursday. Crews have checked and winterized air vacs.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Department of Homeland Security (CISA) is here inspecting our computer systems and cybersecurity with John Singleton. Carbon Canal's Questar bypass is up and running and Buzzard's Bench has water. He reminded everyone that Tuesday December 12, 2023 is the District's Christmas lunch at 11:30 at the Cowboy Kitchen.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-5 SETTING PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution 2023-5 and Form PT-800C are both required by the State Tax Commission. Both are submitted to the board for approval and signature. The board adopted the rate of .000662 with the expected revenue increase to be \$253,232. Zauss moved to approve resolution 2023-5 for the property tax increase to the rate of .000662 and expected to generate the additional amount of \$253,232. Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, and Zauss.

A motion to adopt form PT-800C and authorize the chairman to sign was made by Zauss and seconded by Davis. The motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, and Zauss.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT WATER AND SEWER FACILITY DEED FOR BALLPARK SUBDIVISION 2 PHASE 4

The District has received the facility deed from (KCCS) Kevin Callahan and Carla Saccommano for the Ballpark Subdivision 2 Phase 4 that needs to be accepted into our system for ownership, operation, and maintenance. A motion to accept the water and sewer facility deed for Ballpark Subdivision 2 Phase 4 by was made by Davis and seconded by Zauss. The motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, and Zauss.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

The proposed meeting schedule for 2024 was presented. Jeff requested to cancel the June 4, 2024 meeting as he will be on vacation during that meeting. The board members discussed the request and decided that Jeff would not need to be present for the meeting to continue. Zauss moved to approve the meeting schedule as printed and it was seconded by Davis. The motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, and Zauss.

APPROVE NEW HIRES

The WTP proposes to hire Genevieve Guerrero and Austin Richman-Revas, and transfer Austin to the Line Maintenance Department. There were eight interviews scheduled and one did not show. The applicant that did not show had experience in water treatment in the military but didn't like that the State of Utah wouldn't recognize his experience as certification but that he would still need to take the certification tests. Guerrero is a certified operator and received her certification while working for Price City. Previous employers were contacted and applicants were given a pre-employment aptitude test. A motion to approve hiring Genevieve Guerrero and Austin Richman-Rivas was made by Zauss and seconded by Davis. The motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, and Zauss.

APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING FOR OPENING AND MODIFICATION OF 2023 BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF 2024 BUDGET ON DECEMBER 19, 2023

The Board needs to approve the public hearing for the opening and modification of the 2023 budget as well as the discussion and adoption of the 2024 budget on December 19, 2023. A motion was made by Davis to schedule the public hearing for opening and possible modification of the 2023 budget and adopting the 2024 budget on December 19, 2023 and seconded by Zauss. The motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, and Zauss.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET DETAILS

Staff presented the final draft of the 2024 budget for review and discussion prior to the public hearing and adoption on December 19, 2023. The only outstanding information from the last time this was discussed and presented to the Board was the insurance rates from the Utah Local Governments Trust. Those have been received and will not result in additional costs to the proposed budget. In the 2023 budget, some places we are good and others we are tight. The budget for 2023 will need to be reopened for the WWTP construction. The proposed wage scale was presented to the board. Richens is requesting a \$.0.30/hr wage scale increase as well as the \$.0.55/hr step increase for those employees whose certification or time have met criteria. Micha expressed concern that the suggested wage increase is not much of an increase and that we will have the same problem with our wage scale in a few years that we have had previously.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richens talked with Zauss about the Emerging Growth Studies that Zauss referred to him explaining that everything that Richens received was from transportation. Zauss explains that they have a task force to pinpoint where the emerging growth could be in Carbon County.

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Zauss seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk