

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
May 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, May 2, 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
William Barney Zauss
Lenise Peterman

Jeff Richens
Micha Marrelli
Shelly Bird

EXCUSED

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Davis led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with agenda items.

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input to the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Board Meeting. As there were no corrections or additions, Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Zauss reported the river is flowing high and causing issues for the water plant, but the crews are dealing with it. A sidewalk slab was removed and the new slab will be secured to the steps of the main building. An electrician was called in to work on the sludge pumps as they were having problems running. He discovered that a therma-block was tripping and repaired it. The water plant is running 1.5 million gallons per day and is continuing to have two shifts per day and one shift on the weekends. Crew members are working a rotating shift to cover Derek's absence. They hope to have a new employee hired and trained by the first of August.

Jensen reported the crew is preparing for the Sanitary Survey that will be done in June. Intermountain Electronics will possibly be testing the backflow in the new shop. The backflow pamphlets for public education are going to be sent in the next billing cycle. Crews have been fixing leaks, reading meters, performing monthly checks on the stations. Meters have been set, valves cleaned, bacteria samples have been taken for the first and the last of the month. The crew helped with the concrete at the water plant. They moved a meter and raised a manhole in other areas.

Peterman reported sampling for the Covid 19 study is continuing. The work on the tunnel utility water pipe replacement project is continuing. The District's outside irrigation system has been started and several sprinklers have been replaced. A few employees attended test prep training offered by Rural Water. Blaine attended the Spring Water Environment Association of Utah conference. 235 lab tests samples have been collected.

Davis reported Unit 16, the 2011 Ford 250, repairs have been completed. The Utah safety inspection is due by May 30, 2023 for commercial vehicles. The manufacturer of the backhoe took responsibility for a hydraulic hose problem it was having and agreed to provide the materials and the delivery. Our crew will install them. Landscape maintenance for the District has started and will continue weekly. The sewer manhole at the RV dump station is being checked weekly and cleaning of the debris screen is as needed. Davis also reported on the update for the East Maintenance Building. CDL training has begun and the CDL trainees will need to take the Utah state written test.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported Shaney Wilson from the office of Carbon County Economic Development, will be attending the next Board Meeting with one of the County Commissioners. Jeff believes they are coming to talk about tax increment finance with the Board. The final walk through was done for the completed Ridge Road Sewer Line. There are some things the contractor will need to fix. Everything needs to work correctly before PRWID takes it over and homeowners can hook on to the system. Jeff passed information on to the Board regarding a meeting he attended with the Lower Elevation Reservoir. There is a discrepancy in PRWID'S billing for Wellington City. The city has been overcharged for the past several months and PRWID will make a proposal to the City to credit the next several months bills. While Jeff and Blaine attended the Water Environment Association Conference, PFAS was discussed. It is regarding the chemicals that come from the production of things like nylon, rayon, polyester, fire retardant; almost anything that is manmade. Drinking water will be the first to look at a removal criteria for these chemicals. PRWID has detected it in the drinking water but is at very low levels. The National Rural Water Association is looking at filing a class action lawsuit against the manufacturers of these chemicals. Reuse of wastewater effluent is another issue that was discussed at the conference.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OPENING

Peterman moved to approve the notice for the position opening for a water treatment operator. Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

WATER WORKS ENGINEERS SERVICE AGREEMENT

Richens requested authorization from the Board for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Zauss moved to approve the agreement between PRWID and Water Works Engineering LLC. Peterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

LESSAR WATER ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL

The Lessar family owns a small water company and came to the Board a few years ago asking the Board to take over their company. The price was very high resulting in an estimated \$30.00 per month per connection for 30 years on top of the water bill. The District could sponsor

the upgrade to the water system through a state revolving fund loan. A grandson now wants to build on a piece of property there and is asking if the Board would partner with him to extend the water line and install a fire hydrant. Discussion was held of options how it could be beneficial to the district and the landowner. The Board agreed that if they are to participate in cost sharing it should go back to the original agreement the family requested. Jensen moved that if PRWID participates they will only support the original agreement to upgrade the system. Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

BLUE STAKES OF UTAH PARTNERSHIP

Blue Stakes of Utah is needing to get the word out to the public for people to call 811 before they dig. They would like to wrap the District's camera truck with a banner promoting the Blue Stake 811 information. They will wrap the truck for free if someone will drive the truck to Cedar City. Discussion was held regarding the details in truck wrapping. Jensen moved to approve taking the truck to Cedar City to have the truck wrapped. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Micha gave Board members the 1st quarter financials for 2023 and explained the budget. The auditors are coming Monday. Peterman reported that Helper received notification that they are the recipient for lead pipe inventory grant funding and Richens confirmed that the District has received approval as well.

Davis moved to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm. Jensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk