

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
June 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, June 20, 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
Lenise Peterman

Jeff Richens
Micha Marrelli

EXCUSED

Shelley Bird

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 May 16, 2023 board meeting. Jensen asked that a spelling error be corrected from "who" to "how". Jensen then moved to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting with that change. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Zauss reported that the water plant is running 24/7, that jar testing is ongoing to determine how best to treat the changing water quality as runoff rates are changing. The Sanitary Survey went well and staff is awaiting the final report. HAB testing will begin next month. Four individuals were interviewed for the position opening and a recommendation will be made later in the meeting.

Jensen reported that the Line Maintenance portion of the Sanitary Survey went well with only minor adjustments required. Crews repaired a portion of the controls at the Kenilworth pumphouse, raised a manhole in the Westwood area where county road crews are working, finished concrete work at several sites, fixed a mainline leak in Carbonville. Also, a manhole cover was flipped up and damaged a tractor/trailer rig and a motorhome on Highway 6. This has been sealed to prevent a future event and claims turned into the insurance company.

Peterman reported that the wastewater plant is testing with the State for Covid-19. Staff worked on grading and repairs of the gravel surfaces around the plant. Herbicide is being applied at the plant and around the various properties throughout the District. Staff is also working with the new alum dosage equipment to find the balance to meet new upcoming phosphorous limits.

Davis reported that Unit 21 had a recall repair for door latches which is complete. Safety inspections on trailers are complete, changed the drive belt on a lawnmower, repaired the joystick control on the sewer rodder, repaired the tie-rods on the Marmon 10-wheel dump truck. Information for the backhoe lease program is being gathered and will be presented at a future meeting for the Board to review and approve. Staff will also try to move forward with the 2024 truck purchase approved for this year's

budget. Mezzanine support details and foundation and footer details are almost finished for the east property project.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens had staff park the camera truck in the front parking lot so board members could see the results of the Blue Stakes wrap. Everyone agreed that it looks really good. He also indicated that a class to train the wastewater staff in laboratory techniques wasn't submitted on time but as the cost is very low and will help these operators pass their certification tests, he would like to register three employees and put it on the next agenda. Utah Local Governments Trust has indicated that the District is doing very well with keeping insurance rates in check. There will be no increase for liability or automobile rates and only a 5% increase on property rates. Micha has completed an audit for the Worker's Compensation Fund and been given high marks. The Utah Division of Water Rights has approved the final extension on the effluent water right filing. Within the next seven years, the District will have to submit a 40-year plan designed by an engineering firm for approval. Blackhawk Developers are moving forward with a proposed 46 lot phase of development in the Kenilworth area. Lastly, the Auditors are not prepared for tonight's meeting so they will come before the Board on July 18, 2023.

2022 AUDIT REPORT

This item is forwarded to the next agenda.

FORMALLY ACCEPT THE 2022 AUDIT REPORT

This item is forwarded to the next agenda.

3 LETTERS TO CHANGE EMPLOYEE STATUS

There are three letters in the board packet from department supervisors requesting a change of status from probationary to permanent for John Jaramillo, Paige Heisterman, and Riley Christensen. All three have proven to be good employees and their 6-month probation will end before the next board meeting. Jensen moved to approve these three employees be given permanent status along with the customary increase in wage of \$0.55/hr. when the appropriate calendar date is achieved. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

APPROVE OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Troy Mastin has submitted the name of Tracy Stamatakis to fill the open position at the water treatment plant. Tracy is a certified Grade IV operator with 15 years' experience in water treatment. Peterman moved to approve the hiring of Tracy Stamatakis for the water plant. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

DISCUSS/APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR WATERLINE INTERCONNECT

Staff is proposing to interconnect an existing 4" waterline on Fairgrounds Road that was inherited from the Westside Water Company to an 8" waterline on Westwood Blvd. The cost estimate is less than \$15,000.00. This interconnect will provide greater flexibility in serving customers, better control for maintenance, and improve fire protection. District crews will install the waterline. Davis asked if there was funding in the budget for this to which Marrelli assured that there was. Zauss moved to approve the expenditure and to install this waterline. Peterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

APPROVE CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

Richens requested that the Board approve the cancellation of election for District Trustee as only one person filed for the position. Discussion was had about the timing of the cancellation in regard to possible write-in filings. Richens is asking the Board to take this action while it is fresh with the condition that there are no write-in candidates. Then it won't be forgotten. Davis moved to approve the cancellation

of the election for District Trustee upon the condition of having no write-in candidates file. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF WASTEWATER PLANT AERATOR

Staff has submitted a request to purchase an aerator for the Facultative Sludge Basins. This is the same like and kind as the existing aerator in operation is will be used at the other one needs maintenance performed. Questions as to budget and purchasing policy were discussed. This is a sole-source purchase as it uses the same controls and parts. Zauss moved to approve the purchase of this aerator in the amount of \$15,000.00. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

CLOSED SESSION

The Chairman asked for a motion to go into a Closed Meeting session. Zauss moved to go into a closed meeting session to discuss the character, competence, or health of an individual. Peterman seconded and the motion passed unanimously with the following vote: Peterman, Aye; Davis, Aye; Cox, Aye; Jensen, Aye; Zauss, Aye. The recorder was shut off at 7:37 p.m.

At 7:56 p.m., Jensen moved to come back into open meeting session. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairman asked for any unfinished business from each attendee. Marrelli informed the Board that the Utah Retirement System's rates of contribution will remain unchanged for the fiscal year 2024 so no changes to the budget are expected in that regard.

Peterman stated that Helper City public works has begun the Lead/Copper Revised Rule (LCRR) study.

Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. which was passed by common consent.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk