

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
July 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, July 18, 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
Doug Rasmussen – Smuin, Rich, Marsing, and Rasmussen

Jeff Richens
Micha Marrelli

EXCUSED

Shelley Bird
Barney Zauss
Lenise Peterman

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and noted those present and excused as listed above.

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 any agenda items.

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input to the minutes of the June 20, 2023 board meeting. Davis moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting as written. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Jensen reported that a leak was fixed at the Kenilworth pumphouse, a reported leak in the Coal Creek area was determined to be a neighbor's forgotten hose left running, a water leak in the Industrial Park was fixed, several meters were set, a plan has been coordinated with the Hospital to replace a mainline valve to minimize impact to their operation, sewer lines continue to be cleaned and video inspected along with the sewer siphons.

Davis reported that minor repairs like door latches and strobe lights have been repaired along with flat tires. More serious issues like high oil pressure, check engine indicator, air conditioning, and shifting have been addressed. The Fleet Department expects that the 2024 vehicle purchase should have inventory to choose. Final site plans on the east property project are nearing completion. There were many celebrants on this property during the July 4th fireworks that left a lot of trash and other unwanted mess.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that because of the mess from July 4th, staff will be proposing to finish the fence in a few months to prevent additional problems. He also spoke of the NPDES permit at

the wastewater plant, that the Division of Water Quality has reviewed staff's request regarding the ammonia limits and that they shouldn't be changing so drastically. Some testing is still changing to monthly which will increase costs. There will be a public hearing at Carbon County regarding a Tax Increment Finance project for another solar farm near Wellington City on August 2, 2023. The Division of Drinking Water is proposing a rule change that will impact mobile home parks, RV parks, and those entities that serve them. It could require the supplying entity to choose between taking over the water system or closing the park if certain standards are not met.

2022 AUDIT REPORT

Doug Rasmussen of Smuin, Rich, Marsing, and Rasmussen came before the Board to explain the fiscal audit for 2022 calendar year. Rasmussen began his report with an unqualified statement that the audit met all state requirements. He explained the funds and assets held by the District, the incomes and expenditures for 2022, and explained the findings that the District budget was balanced for 2022. Further discussion centered around Utah Retirement System and the need to increase property tax income as the General Fund is continuing to withdraw funds from reserves.

FORMALLY ACCEPT THE 2022 AUDIT REPORT

After the presentation of the audit, and after all questions were answered, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the 2022 financial audit. Jensen moved to approve the 2022 financial audit. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen.

APPROVE ADVERTISING OF OPEN POSITION FOR LINE MAINTENANCE

With the separation of service from Jordan Pierce, the Line Maintenance department is requesting to begin advertising the open position. This will appear in the local newspaper, online, and on the Workforce Services website. Davis moved to approve advertising for the open position. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen.

APPROVE VANCON PAYMENT APPLICATION #18

Richens presented a payment application from VanCon for approximately 2/3 of the retainage account. VanCon feels this is appropriate as the project is substantially completed with only a few items left on the final punch list. Waterworks Engineers felt it would be okay as well so long as the contractors made progress toward finishing the list. Richens assured the Board that the remainder of the project and retainage account was enough to finish everything or hire another contractor to finish. Davis asked about remaining funding to which Marrelli explained that funding at this time will come from the District's sewer reserve funds as all CIB moneys have been spent. Jensen moved to approve payment application #18 to VanCon in the amount of \$104,260.39. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVE CONCRETE REPAIR PROJECT AT WWTP

Richens explained to the Board that, as the nutrient project has been nearing completion, it was discovered that both concrete walkways above the primary clarifiers at the wastewater plant have significant pieces of concrete that have fallen from the underside of those walkways. Upon further inspection, it was deemed serious enough that there is doubt that the walkways will be safe for another year or two. Staff, engineers, and contractor all met a few weeks ago to inspect and

discuss the situation along with a representative from a company that specializes in concrete, concrete coatings, and products to correct problems in concrete. Four options were presented to the Board for consideration. 1. Correct the problem in-situ with removal and replacement of compromised concrete and adding reinforcement steel and chemical to prevent corrosion, \$167,500. 2. Remove and fully replace existing walkways with new steel and concrete, \$257,000. 3. Remove existing walkways and replace with galvanized steel beams and aluminum grating, \$369,000. 4. Remove existing walkways and replace with stainless steel beams and aluminum grating, \$552,000. All four option would require additional engineering services expected not to exceed \$30,000. After much discussion, Davis moved to approve the option to correct the problem in-situ with the required engineering, chemical application, and reinforcing steel. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT 4" PRV FOR WESTWOOD VAULT

Three quotes were presented to replace a 4" PRV in the Westwood water control vault from Peterson Plumbing (\$2,998), Scholzen's Products (\$3,735.59), and Mountainland Supply (\$5,088.61). Jensen moved to approve the purchase of a 4" PRV from Peterson Plumbing for \$2,998.00. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen.

APPROVE 2023 BACKHOE TRADE-OUT LEASE

Three quotes were presented to lease two backhoes from Century Equipment (Case), Honnen Equipment (John Deere), and Wheeler Machinery (Cat). Upon review of the various options and details, including excise tax and delivery costs; it was determined that the best fit for the District's needs would be Honnen Equipment. Jensen moved to approve the lease of two John Deere backhoes for a three-year period in the amount of \$11,500 per year per machine plus \$1,000 excise tax per year per machine. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen.

DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO CARBON COUNTY AND TIMELINE FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Richens presented a letter to the Board that was sent to the Carbon County Clerk and Commission formally informing them of the District's plan to seek a property tax increase that would take effect in 2024. Richens explained that, because the County Assessor's office was delayed in finalizing their information to the County Clerk, and the Clerk's office sent the tax notices to printing without the District new information; staff only had one day to contact the State Tax Commission and to submit to Carbon County the level of increase in property tax and the date of the first public hearing that will be held. Upon discussion with the Board, it was determined that the final level of increase will be decided after receiving public input. As this was for discussion only, no formal action was needed at this time.

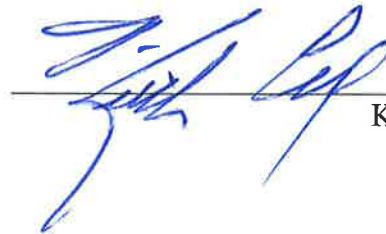
CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closing session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairman asked for any unfinished business from attendees. None was brought before the Board except Richens submitted a photo of the water quality coming from White River and explained some of the challenges in treating this water source.

Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. which was passed by common consent.



Keith W. Cox, Chair



Kim Wood, Clerk