

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

September 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Marelli
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 August 15, 2023 Board Meeting. As there were no corrections or additions, Davis moved to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023 meeting. Jensen 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 3 million gallons per day and they are giving Price City 200 gallons per minute. PFAS samples are still being taken. A notice was received from the Division of Drinking Water reporting there is a harmful algae bloom in Schofield Reservoir. Crews will continue to test the inflow for a while. Some of the older LMI pumps are having trouble wearing out parts. Troy is getting bids between \$2000 and \$2800 for replacement pump. The plan is to replace 7 pumps over the next several years. Fluorescent tubes are continuing to be swapped out with LED's as they burn out. Zach and Scottie are continuing certification test preparations.

Jensen reported six more AY-McDonald boxes in Spring Glen have been replaced. Interviews for available jobs have been completed. A leaking pipe in Kenilworth was repaired. A meter was set, other meters repaired as well as a fitting. The crew helped Chris with master and residential meters. Mike and Jordan, who have been out with surgery, are back to work and are assigned light duty. Because the crew is shorthanded, sewer cleaning and video inspection has been suspended.

Peterman reported that Covid 19 sampling is continuing. Because so much rain has been received, the catch basins have needed to be pumped out several times. The crew was able to patch and repair damaged concrete. The quarterly whole effluent toxicity test passed. The west lift station pump

has started to be replaced. Tests are continuing to be conducted on phosphorus removal. Yard maintenance is continuing. 196 lab test samples have been performed.

Davis reported Unit 11, the 2003 Chevrolet has been repaired. Unit 15, the 2011 Ford 250 still has the air conditioning switch out of service. The Yanmar tractor is on the agenda tonight to discuss. The sewer sump pump is not working and parts are not available due to the age of the pump. A replacement Liberty pump is available on Amazon for \$456.75. The handle assemble for the Eagle mower was replaced. A bid was received for the new 2024 Ford truck. Davis gave an update on the work being done at the East maintenance building.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported a notice of violation was received from the state of Utah in conjunction with the EPA. Richens called the permit writer and discussed the situation and was informed of how to complete the form. Blaine will get this taken care of as it is the wastewater plant permit. A grant application in the amount of \$450,000 has been filed from the state revolving fund. Richens explained what the grant entails in regard to the effluent water reuse from the wastewater plant. The Ridge Road sewer line is completed and the district will be taking it over. Because of the recent flooding in Price canyon, the water plant had to be shut down. The mud that got through plugged one of the bypass tubes, but has been cleaned up and the plant was able to reopen and treat water by Monday. Richens reported that the leak in the Kenilworth water line was not in the same location as a previous leak. The water line is class pipe, installed in the 80's by a contracting company who is no longer in business. PRWID took it over from the Kenilworth Utility Company. Tomorrow Jeff will have a meeting with the supervisors to start the process for the 2024 budget. The supervisors will be invited to come to the first board meeting in October to present the preliminary budget. Two proposals from auditing firms have been received so far. Six were sent out and the due date is this Friday. The Board instructed Jeff and Micha to review the submittals and bring it back to them to be awarded on September 19, 2023.

APPROVE HIRING NEW EMPLOYEE FOR LINE MAINTENANCE

Because there were several great applicants for the line crew opening, a discussion was held regarding the possibility of hiring two new employees instead of one. Good workers have been hard to find, so the feeling was that hiring two would be a great investment for the future while they are available. After much discussion, it was determined to approve one hire and to bring the second hire back before the Board at the next meeting to review workload needs as well as verify budgetary options. Zauss moved to hiring Brandle Colonna. Brandle will be notified so that he may give proper notice to his current employer. Peterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2024 LINE MAINTENANCE VEHICLE PURCHASE

A. Vehicle

B. Service Bid

Both of the items will be completed in one motion. Tony's evaluation of the bids are in the packet. He is recommending to purchase the 2023 F350 Ford from Ken Garff in the amount of \$68,042.41. This is not the lowest bid, however the district already has the maintenance software which makes the bids equitable. Jensen moved to purchase the Ken Garff Ford for \$68,042.41, which includes the service bed. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

REVIEW AND APPROVE YANMAR ENGINE REPLACEMENT

This purchase will come out of Blaine's budget because Tony does not budget for this type of item. The bids are found in the packet. The recommendation is to purchase a new engine from Cox

Automotive and it will be installed in house for \$6,365.95. Zauss moved to approve purchasing the engine from Cox Automotive for \$6,365.95. Jensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT'S CONFERENCE

This is the annual conference and training for Board Members of Special Districts to be held in November. Registration needs to be complete this week. Davis and Peterman will not be able to attend. Micha will need to have the Open Meetings training certificate turned in to her before the end of 2023. Richens will need to know whose spouses will be attending.

CARBON COUNTY MAILER FOR PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The County has agreed to include the District's Notice of Proposed Tax Increase with their property tax notice. The District's information will include the date and time that PRWID will have a truth and taxation hearing regarding a property tax increase. This will cost less than the district mailing out the information separately. Richens proposed the first public meeting be held on October 17, 2023 and then the public hearing to be held on November 21, 2023. PRWID is considering that the proposed tax increase would raise from .000514 to .00079. It was agreed that the board meeting on October 17, 2023 will be held at 7:00 p.m. with the proposed tax increase as an agenda item and that on November 21, 2023 the Board will hold its regular meeting with a public hearing to be held at 8:00 that same evening.

WATERWORKS ENGINEERS PAYMENT APPLICATION

This payment is for the engineer's work which has been completed for the concrete repair at the wastewater plant in the amount of \$16,908.75. Jensen moved to submit payment to Waterworks Engineers for \$16,908.75. Davis 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

Richens reported that Beau received a call last night around 10:30 regarding the leak in Kenilworth. Crews worked on it until 7:30 this morning. Most everyone had their water restored by 8:30 a.m. The crew did an amazing job.

Zauss moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Jensen seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk