

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
October 1, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox  
Ed Chavez  
Rick Davis  
Barney Zauss

Jeff Richens  
Micha Marrelli  
Kim Wood

EXCUSED

Scott Jensen

Chairman Cox welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting all Board Members are present with the exception of Scott Jensen who is 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

The Chairman asked for input to the minutes of the September 17, 2024 board meeting. Chavez moved to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2024 meeting. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that the Line Crews fixed the Jessica Vasquez leak, met with the fence contractor at the Helper tank to walk through the project, crews were called out a couple of times to shut off water on Coal Creek Road. Crews set a 1-inch meter on Stake Farm Road, tested hydrants for the Hospital, replaced a leaking AY-McDonald box on Kenilworth Road, and fixed a leak on the main line in Carbonville. The also marked all incoming Blue Stake requests, took end of the month residuals, flagged and setup signs for a leak on Kenilworth Road, checked settlement and road base at Old Wellington Road meter set, and started digging up the Nielsen main line leak but need a trench box. Beau is on vacation.

Davis reported that the water plant is treating 2.5-3 million gallons per day. Price City asked to stop getting water on the 15<sup>th</sup> and then requested water on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Operators are still covering all the shifts 24/7, still having trouble with the sand trap tripping out but the ozone generator is working fairly well. They finished putting in the new water heater and then the breaker went out. Both the water heater and the breaker have been replaced. Several PLC cards have failed and the new ones don't work well with the old programming. There is an agenda item to update

both later in the meeting. The new operator gave a three-month tour of the plant to demonstrate his knowledge and is doing very well. He has a really good understanding of the operation of the plant. Crews are hosing out the sand trap every couple of weeks and flushing out the diversion more to clear the stick and trash track. They are running the belt press as often as possible because they will be using the dump truck at the office for the CDL training, so the water plant will have the dump trailer up at the WTP.

Zauss reported that the WWTP crew is still testing for COVID, continue to refine and adjust the plant to meet the new phosphorous limit, still cleaning out the west sludge basin and moving it to the drying bed. Crews continue to mow and have winterized the sprinkler system. They finished the south secondary clarifier maintenance and it is back online. They collected 255 samples over the last two weeks.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens gave the September 30, 2024 River Commissioner Report and expect that by the first meeting in November he will be able to tell the Board how the year ended for each large water holding entity. The fence is going up around the East Property, but we're still waiting for RMP to remove a guywire before the fencing can be completed. The building contractor should start Monday or Tuesday of next week for the excavation for the building. As of this morning, the District received a copy of a letter from the attorney of the former employee submitted to the Workforce Appeals Board. The deadline for submitting any information was September 29, 2024 and they submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Richens did reach out to the Appeals Board to dispute the acceptance of the letter after the deadline. The Appeals Board will take it under advisement.

### APPROVE PURCHASE OF PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER CARDS

Richens presented to the Board a purchase request from Troy to purchase PLC cards for the water plant. This is a sole-source purchase from La Tech Equipment who is the supplier of this product in the western United States. The cards we have been using are of an older series. This purchase will give us updated cards and a little bit of a backup. Davis moved to purchase the PLC cards from La Tech for \$3,343.00. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, and Zauss.

### APPROVE PURCHASE OF PLC SOFTWARE

Richens presented to the board a letter from Troy requesting to purchase the updated software program for the new PLC cards and will enable the new cards to communicate with the existing PLC controls. This is a sole-source purchase from La Tech Equipment who is the supplier of this product in the western United States. Zauss moved to purchase the programming software for the PLCs from La Tech for \$1,800. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, and Zauss.

### DISCUSS TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PROPOSAL WITHIN PRICE CITY

Price City has setup a Taxing Entity Committee of with the District is part. A group wants to build a couple of motels in town. Richens reviews the DRAFT copy of a proposal for a Tax Increment Finance package from all taxing entities to assist in the building of 1 or 2 motels behind the JB's Restaurant in Price City. Also included is the draft language of the agreement and plan. The Board discusses advantages and disadvantages and who the District representative is and who

else is part of this committee. A few different scenarios were discussed as a formal proposal has not been brought before the Board. This is a discussion item only.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Micha suggested that maybe at the next meeting the Board could start talking about wages so that the discussion will not start too late in December. Richens explained that the discussion will be in November allowing the Consumer Price Index to be more accurate for the year.


Chavez asked if the Intermountain Electronics Tax Increment Finance proposal has been brought back yet. Richens answered no.

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Zauss seconded the non-debatable motion.



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Keith Cox, Chairman



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Kim Wood, Clerk