

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
December 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox  
Scott Jensen  
Ed Chavez  
Rick Davis  
Barney Zauss

Jeff Richens  
Micha Marrelli  
Kim Wood

EXCUSED

Chairman Cox welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting that all Board Members are present.

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 December 3, 2024 board meeting. Chavez moved to approve the minutes as written from the December 3, 2024 meeting. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that crews fixed a leak on 4100 N. Enbridge Gas broke a waterline while running a gas service line. They sampled and sent first of the month Bact-T samples, completed all Blue Stake requests, cleaned out the culvert where the vector mud is dumped, and hauled loads of dirt to temporarily cover an exposed pipe at Mathis Wash.

Davis reported the WTP is working two eight-hour shifts, five days a week, receiving 600 gallons per minute from Price City, and are still working to fix the propane heaters. They received the spare backwash blower from Compressor Pump and Service from being evaluated. We are going to hold off rebuilding it because of the cost. Filters three and four are back in service after a burnt wire in the PLC cabinet was replaced. They contacted LimiTork regarding when the back-wash air rate flow valve repair will be completed, built the bracket and brace for the wall mount support for the shaft on intake gate #4, and haven't had trouble with the ozone or debris screen for a week or two.

Zauss reported that sampling for COVID continues. They installed a new airline in the shop garage and are removing parts of the old biofilter line. They worked on the access road on the side next to the hay fields and collected 253 samples over the past two weeks.

Jensen reported that Unit #25 is back in service, but Unit #8 has been misfiring. They found a loose spark plug and broken ignition coil. While fixing it they found a broken exhaust manifold stud and the truck is out of service. Unit #22 showed a check engine light and crews found the air flow sensor was bad. This has been replaced and the truck is back in service. The 2017 & 2013 Ford Explorers have factory recalls and these have been scheduled at the Ford garage. The WWTP backhoe has been washed and much was found in need of repair. It is expected to be out of service for a month. Unit #4 displayed a check engine light and crews found the turbo is having issues. They are still working on the Kobelco track hoe, but hope it will be back in service by Friday. They serviced and installed snowplows for all departments, the emergency generator at the WTP is back in service, the Marmon dump truck received a new block heater, and Rocky Mountain Power should finish moving the power lines this week which will allow the Contractor to start erecting the building. The next class for CDL licenses will start February 24, 2025.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Rocky Mountain Power may be turning the power off to the Service Center on Friday, but hopefully just affecting customers to the east of us. If board members want their picture off the website due to security reasons, this option is available. There is a leak on the main water line on Brandon Rowley's property, which he wants fixed ASAP. The District's contract welder will need to weld a collar on the pipe but is unavailable for a few weeks. Richens received a call and a follow-up letter from the IRS requesting information about Cesar Sanchez's house and waterline installation. Richens asked the Board if he should have the attorney review the response as it is only for information. The Board thought it would be okay just to send the letter. A gentleman stopped in today to request a reduction in his bill as he uses so little water. Richens explained to him that this was not something the District does as there are many components that make up the water bill besides the water. The Utah Water Law/Utah Water User's Association conference will be held March 16-19, 2025, so board members who would like to attend should start clearing their calendars for those dates. Shanny Wilson, Carbon County Economic Development Director, will come before the Board to present a TIF request for an expansion of the solar fields near Wellington on January 7, 2025.

### REVIEW INTERMOUNTAIN INDUSTRIAL TIF PLAN

Intermountain Electronics has delayed their presentation as they are having the proposed contract reviewed by the Carbon County Attorney's office. Richens explained the information received to date, but they will come before the Board at a future board meeting.

### REVIEW WEST PRICE MOTEL PROJECT TIF PLAN

There will be a Zoom meeting December 19, 2024 at 3pm to hear the latest presentation by Gary Patel and Nick Tatton. This meeting is for discussion and information only. The Board reviewed plans for hotels.

### PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND OPEN THE 2024 BUDGET AND TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE 2025 BUDGET

A motion to open the Public Hearing to review and open the 2024 budget, as well as to review and present the proposed 2025 budget was made by Davis at 7:47 pm. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss. Marrelli reviewed with the Board the proposed changes needed to balance the 2024 budget, and then reviewed the details of the proposed 2025 budget. There have been no changes to the 2025 budget since the discussion. Upon completion of all questions and discussion, Chavez moved to close the Public Hearing at 8:01 pm. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE EMPLOYEE STATUS CHANGE FROM PROBATION TO PERMANENT

Troy Mastin is requesting that Daniel Martinez receive a change in status with accompanying increase in wage. Jensen moved to approve the change in status of Daniel Martinez from probation to permanent and approve the customary increase in wage. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MATHIS WASH WATERLINE PROTECTION PROJECT

Crews discovered an erosion problem where an 8" waterline crosses the Mathis Wash. Staff would like to hire an engineering firm to design a solution to the problem, then the Board can decide whether to complete it in-house or hire a contractor. Zauss moved to approve hiring an engineering firm to design a solution by Zauss. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE EAST MAINTENACE BUILDING PAYMENT #1 TO IEGEC

Richens presented to the Board payment request #1 from IEGEC, general contractor for the East Maintenance Building. This is to satisfy the subcontractors' submittals for concrete and plumbing work completed to date. Chavez moved to approve payment #1 in the amount of \$88,882.06 to IEGEC. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE PAYMENT FOR HELPER TANK FENCING PROJECT

Richens presented to the Board a recommendation from Beau Fausett to approve a change order with the additional payment for unforeseen fence bracing needed at the Helper Tank Fence Project in the amount of \$2,548.00. These were due to the extreme change in elevation throughout the project. Also, to approve the full payment to the contractor as the project is now completed. Jensen moved to approve change order#1 for Helper Tank fencing project in the amount of \$2,548 and request in the future that the contractor be required to view the project in person before an estimate is presented. Zauss seconded and the motion carried. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen and Zauss. Nay: Chavez. Jensen moved to approve the payment of the Helper Tank Fencing Project in the amount of \$18,774.00 plus \$2,548 for the change order for a total of \$21,322.00. Davis seconded and the motion carried. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, and Zauss. Nay: Chavez.

APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2024 BUDGET AND ADOPT THE 2025 BUDGET

Chavez moved to approve the recommended modifications to the 2024 budget. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

Zauss moved to adopt the proposed 2025 budget. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

CLOSE SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Davis updated the Board about the Price City upgrade to their spring line and WTP. They have hired an engineering firm to begin the process, and the easements are being reviewed by the City's attorneys.

Zauss asked to be excused from the first meeting in January.

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Chavez seconded the non-debatable motion.



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Keith Cox, Chairman



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Kim Wood, Clerk