

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

February 6, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:04 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox	Kim Wood	Zeph Tucker
Scott Jensen	Rick Davis	David Jelin
Barney Zauss	Beau Fausett	
Mike Kourianos	Ross Bryner	
Jeff Richens	John Neilsen	

EXCUSED

Micha Marrelli
Lenise Peterman

Chairman Cox welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting Lenise Peterman and Micha Marelli are excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cox 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 Chair asked for input to the minutes of the January 16, 2024 board meeting. Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Zauss reported the WWPT continues to sample for Covid, removed a section of the biofilter piping from the digester basement, and graded the road around facultative sludge basin. Crews have been cleaning and organizing the garage. They have installed the new incubator for the E-coli samples. They have serviced the west mixer on the south digester, serviced the flow meter and started the directional spray water for the aeration basins and clarifiers. 336 lab tests were collected and performed in the last three weeks.

Jensen reported that Unit #22 had problems with the door hinge and is now fixed. They ordered the gauge cluster lenses for Unit #24. It's been muddy so fleet crews have been washing the trucks. There is a recall from Ford on Unit #7 for problems with the blower controls which will be schedule to fix. Unit #19 had a recall on the wiper arms from Ford. Crews were doing maintenance checks and found one of the dump trucks is leaking oil. They are working to figure out the problem to get it back in service. The WWTP backhoe has started having problems. They found that the fuel cut off solenoid is not fully actuating and the pivot points are worn. They will be fixing all these items in-house. The fleet crews serviced the used oil burner. The next session of entry level driver training will begin March 4, 2024. They have ordered their filters for the year. Tony has made several attempts to reach out about the new truck but there has been no response.

Kourianos reported that the WTP is receiving 600 gallons per minute from Price City. They have been changing out fluorescent lights to LED, training new operators on a weekly basis, drained the fire hoses and inspected the flocculation basins. They are also updating the first aid kits and ordered a remote light switch for the basement doorway between filters #3 and #4.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens showed the Price River Commissioner water use report and referenced the water leased last year from the District. A new alarm system has been installed with door alarms and cameras with motion sensors in the administration building. The WTP is looking at options for a camera system as well but they are having a few different challenges. Richens attended a meeting about the lower elevation reservoir. They are still looking at two sites with four options. An employee from maintenance department has spoken about giving his two-week notice but wants to hold off for new employment to give him hire date. Kourianos presented to the Board, the City's intent to reappoint Rick Davis to the District's Board. There is a two-weeks advertising period and an interview process before the Council can act. Kourianos expressed that Davis has a lot to offer with his knowledge. Richens has given a copy of the Utah Code to Kourianos and Davis to guide the City through the process.

APPROVE ATTENANCE TO THE WATER LAW/WATER USER'S CONF.

This item is for final approval and commitment from the Board and Manger to attend the Utah Water Law/Utah User's Association Conference. Cox and Zauss can attend. Richens will reach out Peterman to find out if she will be able to attend. Davis would like to attend if he is able to be put back onto the board in time to attend. Zauss moved to approve any of the board members and the manager to attend the Water Law/Water User's Conference March 18- 20. Kourianos seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos and Zauss.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2024 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

The Fleet Department would like approval to advertise for a replacement vehicle as budgeted. This would go to local vendors and state contract holders and staff would like to use emailed bids in place of mailed, sealed bids. Kourianos moved to approve to advertise for replacement vehicle and to use emailed bids in place of sealed bids. Jensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos and Zauss.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR EAST PROPERTY FENCE AND GATE

Staff is requesting to advertise for a contractor to install the remainder of the fence and a cantilevered gate on the east property. Drawings were provided with explanation for placement of the fence and gate. Kourianos moved to approve to advertise for the installation of the remainder of the fence and cantilevered gate on the east property. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos and Zauss.

APROVE 2023 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM

Annually, the Board is to approve the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program to be sent to the Utah Division of Water Quality. Jensen moved to approve and accept 2023 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos and Zauss.

APPROVE EAST MAINTENANCE BUILDING 90% REVIEW PROCESS

Staff is requesting to use an engineer to review and stamp drawings for the East Maintenance Building as prepared by staff. Richens presented plans and drawings to the Board stating that we are

think these are 90% complete and the specifications are more than 60% complete. Staff would like to send to these to an Engineering to review and stamp the plans so they can be submitted to the County to move the project forward. Kourianos moved to approve sending plans and specifications for review to an Engineer for review and stamp. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PRICE RIVER WATER IMPLVEMENT DISTRICT WWTP

The Department of Environmental Quality has sent a "settlement agreement" for the Board to approve wherein fines have been levied against the District. Richens explained that the District notified the state that they would be violating permit during construction and then notified the state when those violations occurred. The Division of Water Quality has decided to hand down penalties. In the documents, the State explains the dates, violations, potential penalties, and then the reduction in penalties giving credit for the District being responsive and having a history of compliance. The District has 30 calendar days to agree to pay or appeal the penalties offered in the settlement of \$10,353. David Jelin asks why the state is not covering the costs as the District was given authorization from them. He believes in having the state be liable for the authorization. Kourianos moved to sign and pay the amount \$10,353. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos and Zauss.

REVIEW AND RE-STATE WAGE SCALE MODIFICATIONS

As a motion to increase the steps in the wage scale from \$0.55 to \$0.65 has serious unintended consequences, the Board needed to revisit this issue to clarify its intentions. The Boards intent with the wage scale modification is to keep the steps and lanes the same and increase \$0.30 on the roll up for a total of \$0.60 for 2024. The steps will remain at \$0.55 and the Board will consider annually the amount of the wage scale roll up. Zauss moved to clarify the motion of last meeting to only increase \$0.60 roll up for 2024 and keeping the steps and lanes the same as 2023 wage scale. Kourianos seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos and Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Zauss seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk