

## PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

April 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 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  
Barney Zauss  
Ed Chavez

Jeff Richens  
Kim Wood

### EXCUSED

Micha Marelli

Chairman Cox welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting all Board Members are present and excusing Michä Marrelli.

### 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 Chair asked for input to the minutes of the March 5, 2024 board meeting. After a spelling correction, Chavez moved to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2024 meeting. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that the line maintenance crews repaired a leak where a poly line had a hole in it and helped fix a leaky hose at the Coal Creek and South Price vaults. They tested a hydrant for the airport with John Singleton. Crews fixed a leaking AY McDonald box and installed a new box at 4100 N, Spring Glen. They also replaced a leaking box in Golding Subdivision and installed another new box in Spring Glen. Waste Logistics hit our water line because our blue stakes were miss marked and we had to repair our 4' line. We hauled road base to Mike Seever's driveway to repair where the water washed out his driveway. Crews helped camera, vactor and cut asphalt in Carbonville. Braxton Atwood, Rick Leamaster and Jordan Poole attended a three-day class for water certification testing. Mike Robertson and Pat Hanson attended a class for CEU's. Don Campbell has been in the CDL training since the beginning of March. Austin Rivas has been with the mechanics since March helping because of the CDL training.

Davis reported that the chain and flight on the left side of the pretreatment building stopped working at the water treatment plant. They tried some troubleshooting but had to call an electrician and found some bad wires inside the conduit. They moved the pipe rack from the chlorine room

into the storage room and are prepping it getting ready to paint. A heater in the sand trap tripped the breaker and so they had to rewire and replace an outlet that is now working. Operators have been flushing the alum piping in between the basement and pretreatment building and into the flocculation building getting ready for the water season. Zack Mead and Scotty Burns have been attending an online recertification class in preparation for the Grade IV test. Price City is still giving us 600 gallons per minute and the plant is delivering an average of 1.5 million gallons per day. There has been little increase in water usage.

Zauss reported that the WWTP is sampling for COVID. They plowed snow and worked on the tunnel heat HVAC. They helped the Fleet Department break rock to be hauled and serviced the return activated sludge pump. They have been brush-mowing around the plant and the whole effluent toxicity test for the quarter passed. Crews repaired the North clarifier and put on the safety meeting for the District on ladder safety, scaffolding and man-lifts. They washed down the influent channels to remove grease buildup and started yard maintenance. They collected a total of 451 samples over the past 4 weeks for both process control and state discharge monitoring.

Jensen reported that Unit #11 brake lights quit working. They found that it was a dead lighting module which now has been replaced and they ordered parts to repair its door hinges. Most of the parts for the tractor have come in but they are still waiting on an 8' vacuum hose still on back order. The Kenworth dump truck had a leak on the brake canister so that was fixed. The International dump truck low coolant sensor was cleaned and they found an air leak. The Kobelco track hoe they needed new batteries. The contractor is working on the gate repair to the maintenance building. Don Campbell and Genevieve Guerrero are completing their CDL training. The East property fencing installation will start the first part of May. The 2024 truck has been ordered.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens passed around the Water System Consumer Confidence Report to board members for their review and explained that its approval is further in the agenda. We are waiting on Rural Water to setup the local testing for the employees. Richens will be on vacation for the next 3 days.

#### DISCUSSION ON EXISTING WATER EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

The water exchange agreements between Price City and PRWID are in the board packets for the Board to review and discuss. Board members reviewed and discussed updating the agreement. Davis will double check some issues with Price City and Chavez is checking on a few items with Helper City. Then this will be brought back to the Board to determine if any changes are needed.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WATER RIGHT PURCHASE

Lyle Jones has approached the District to sell a water right which he owns. He has been told by Carbon Canal that they won't allow this water right to flow through the Carbon Canal, so he'd like to sell it to us as our diversion is first on the Price River. In speaking with staff at the Division of Water Rights and by looking at the details in the change order, it should be usable in the canal, but their policy is that no water rights can run through their canal unless they own it. It amounts to 0.09 cfs. which is about 40 gallons per minute, less any depletion imposed by the state. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the purchase of the water right. The Board requested Richens to get more information from Jones regarding cost.

#### APPROVE MANAGER TO SERVE ON WEST COLORADO WATERSHED COUNCIL

Utah is divided up into 12 watersheds, each with a watershed council that coordinates water uses and future projects within each watershed. Also, there is the Utah Watershed Council which is made up of one person from each area council. Richens has been asked to serve on the West Colorado Watershed Council, and potentially the Utah Watershed Council, but he will do so only with the approval of the Board. Meetings are expected to be quarterly or bi-monthly. The Board discussed Richens serving on the council and him giving a voice for our area. Zauss moved to approve Richens serving on the West Colorado Watershed Council for 1 year at which time there will be a review if Richens will continue. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

#### APPROVE NEW HIRE

Beau Fausett would like to submit the name of Hunter Sherman to be hired for the Line Maintenance opening. The second opening will remain unfilled and re-advertised in the fall as no viable candidates were selected. Chavez moved to approve hiring Hunter Sherman for the Line Maintenance opening. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

#### APPROVE PUBLICATION OF 2024 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Annually, the Board is to approve the publication of the Consumer Confidence Report for both wholesale and retail water users. Jensen moved to approve publication of the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

#### APPROVE EAST MAINTENANCE BUILDING ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

Board members reviewed the attached Agreement for Engineering Services for the East Maintenance Building. Davis moved to approve Steven M Daley of Castle Valley Consulting to perform the plan review, stamping, and construction inspections for a fixed fee of \$5,600.00 and \$100 per hour for additional visits to site and to perform professional engineering as necessary. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

#### APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT POSITION

The newest hire at the water plant has indicated her intention to leave the District. Troy would like to advertise as soon as possible to see if we can find a candidate to fill that position. Chavez moved to approve the advertisement of a water treatment plant opening when necessary. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

#### APPROVE BID PROCESS FOR EAST MAINTENANCE BUILDING

The engineer for the East Maintenance Building would like to know what building we will be using. The Staff would like authorization from the Board to send a bid packet to 4 or 5 suppliers for the pre-engineered steel building. Zauss moved to approve the Bid Process for East Maintenance Building. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

REVIEW LETTER FROM WATER RESOURCES AND EMAIL FROM COUNTY

The Board reviewed the letter from the Division of Water Resources sent to Carbon County and an email from a Commissioner requesting the District reduce the water share requirement for new construction. This was received by the Chair and the Manager, and they agree that a discussion and specific wording for a letter of response would be appropriate. The Board agreed that the email and the letter from the State are two different issues. They first discussed the email from Commissioner Jensen and decide that reducing the requirement of one full water share for new construction is not something that the District can do. The Board further decided that the letter from the State is not directed toward the District. The Board asked Richens to compose a letter with a response for the two issues following the discussion of the Board, then let the Board review the letter before it is sent.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF BLOCK HEATER FOR WWTP LABORATORY

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is requesting to purchase a block heater from HACH (sole source) as it is the same manufacturer of other laboratory equipment we have. Zauss moved to approve the purchase for WWTP laboratory block heater from HACH for \$2,074.60. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Chavez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Davis seconded the non-debatable motion.

  
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Keith Cox, Chairman

  
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Kim Wood, Clerk