

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
May 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox	Jeff Richens
Rick Davis	Micha Marrelli
Ed Chavez	Kim Wood
Scott Jensen	Troy Mastin
Barney Zauss	

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 Chair asked for input to the minutes of the May 7, 2024 board meeting. Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting as written. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Zauss reported that the WWTP continues to test for COVID 19. Crews are working on yard maintenance, spraying weeds, and mowing lawns. They installed the north digester mixer that was rebuilt, started the quarterly whole effluent toxicity test, and are preparing to restart the north primary clarifier as the contractor has completed the sealing of the concrete and removed all the scaffolding. They are working with John to update the SCADA communication radios, worked on the primary diaphragm pump, serviced the waste activated sludge pumps and the returned activated sludge pumps, as well as collected 220 tests in the past two weeks most of which are for process control and some for the state discharge permit.

Jensen reported that Unit #21, the 2017 Ford F350 service bed had some paint peeling so crews treated the areas for rust and repainted those areas. The International dump truck body mounts were bad, so they replaced them, they also found that it was having air conditioner problems. Crews have changed the cab air filter and the air horn button which was sticking. Crews

repainted the parking lot lines at the main office, purchased and planted flowers, fertilized the lawns, and got the air conditioners going at the maintenance building. They have received most of the 4" replacement conduit for the new building power lines. Don Campbell passed his CDL test.

Chavez reported that crews fixed a water leak at Brad Johnsons, replaced a leaking ¾" meter box, and replaced a leaking saddle. They also hydro-excavated a leak on the back-wash line at the Water Plant, fixed a leaking AY McDonald at Robert Pero's, replaced a leaking meter in Kenilworth, worked on raising sewer manholes near the UPS warehouse, and took first of and middle of the month Bac-T samples. Don Campbell passed his CDL.

Davis reported that the plant is producing 2.5 to 3 million gallons per day. Staff is short-handed for covering the 24/7 schedule while trying to keep the overtime down but still run the plant. They cut back on the diversion flushing schedule from twice a week to once a week and they are hosing out the sand trap on a weekly basis. They have fertilized lawns at the plant, sanded and painted the northwest door on the sand trap, cleaned and are preparing to paint the chlorine tank room. They have been screening the rock from the dirt piles for the maintenance crews to use as backfill for the trenches in the septic drain field. They ordered a gate operator shaft and stem guide, and have been notified that Thatcher Chemical will not accept the return of empty plastic chemical totes as of July 28th. Staff will need to triple rinse and them and pay a 3rd party recycler to pick up the totes. Troy has been trying to contact a 3rd party recycler.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported AmeriGas did not pick up its propane tank when we requested them to a few years ago and have sent us bills that we are disputing. We recently received a collection notice on this issue, so a letter was sent to the collection's office disputing the collection action. We received a letter back from the Division of Water Quality that the matter of the permit violation from a year ago has been closed as payment was received. Scofield Reservoir, as of yesterday, had 1' 3" until it spills. There is nothing new to report on the East Maintenance Building, and we are waiting for the 30-day advertising period for the water right purchase before we can proceed. This is the first step.

APPROVE WATER TREATMENT PLANT NEW HIRE

The District advertised for an open position at the Water Treatment Plant for 3 weeks. Two interviews were completed by Troy and Brent, and Daniel Martinez is being recommended as the new hire for the water plant. Zauss moved to hire Daniel Martinez for the Water Treatment Plant. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

DISCUSSION REGARDING HISTORICAL WATER USE

We have received a GRAMA request regarding the District's polices related to water share requirements, calculations, historical uses, etc. We are proceeding through the gathering of information which brought interesting data to light that is important for the board members to understand. Richens stated that the cost will be billed to the requester for the GRAMA request in the amount of \$75.65. He also presented a chart showing the amount of water billed to customers compared to the amount of water it takes to run the water system.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Micha reminded the board that starting July 1, 2024, the URS Tier II Hybrid system will require a 0.7% employee contribution. The discussion of the board some time ago was, will the District make the employee pay this or will the District increase the pay to the Tier II employees to pay for this? The board requested that Micha provide information explaining the financial impact to the budget to make these adjustments for the next board meeting.

Jeff reminded the Board that he will be on vacation for the next Board Meeting.

As there was no further unfinished business, Chavez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Jensen seconded the non-debatable motion.

Keith W. Cox, Chair – Board of Trustees



Kim Wood, Clerk