

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

July 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox	Jeff Richens
Ed Chavez	Micha Marelli
Rick Davis	Kim Wood
Scott Jensen	Doug Rasmussen
Barney Zauss	Amy Richens

EXCUSED

Chairman Cox welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting 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 June 18, 2024 board meeting. Chavez moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2024 meeting. Chavez moved to approve the minutes as written. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that Service Masters has complained of sewer smell so crews are looking into it. They fixed a leak in Westwood and in the Coal Creek vault, inspected a sewer lateral installed by Jesse McCourt in Ballpark Subdivision, and delivered a 24-hour notice to Luis Hernandez to remove a vehicle from Mead's Wash that was impacting an aerial sewer crossing. He did not remove the vehicle and so with the permission from the property owner, we removed the vehicle and installed a new lock on the property gate. Crews marked all incoming blue stakes, washed out all pumps and hoses at Pinnacle lift station, took first of the month bacteriological samples for July, fixed a leaking 2-inch ball valve in the Noyes Lane vault, finished cleaning and backfilling a meter set for Callahan on Old Wellington Rd., and delivered notices that they were turning off water on Fairgrounds Rd to fix a leak at Bacon Rind vault. They started the three months vactoring rotation on July 6th.

Davis reported that the water plant production is averaging 3 million gallons a day. Price City stopped taking water for a few days, but will start up again soon. Crews had an electrician

look at the problem with the ozone and the flash mixer. They changed the fuse and the equipment is now working. The floods in the area did not affect the water plant. They received a notice from Lindsey Schaffer of an upcoming inspection from the Division of Water Quality. They came and took a tour of the plant, looked at the discharges, recordkeeping, and were incredibly happy with the cleanliness of the plant. The new operator is learning fast and is a hard worker. A water sample pump seized up on a graveyard shift, so the operators changed it out with one they had on hand.

Zauss reported that the WWTP is still sampling for COVID for the State. They replaced the tank drain and isolation valves. They continued to do summer grounds maintenance and are cleaning up from the recent flooding. VanCon has officially finished the Nutrient Removal Project. Crews have

repaired the South clarifier mud valves and collected 261 lab tests in the last two weeks for both process control monitoring and discharge reporting.

Jensen reported that the Fleet Department is consistently maintaining and washing vehicles as needed. Unit #1, the Chevy Trailblazer needed a flat tire repaired. The WWTP Polaris Ranger received an oil change, full service, and a set of new tires. The Vactor needed its engine serviced, changed the oil, and did safety inspection, then replaced the main suction hose on the front. The International Dump Truck is still waiting on parts for the air conditioner. Crews re-packed bearings on some of the trailers. The contractor is still working on the fence around the east property project, and heavy rain washed some dirt from the fence around the fence and posts, so they filled that in with rock to keep that from happening again. The light duty fleet trucks are being inspected as the Marmon and the Vactor have passed their safety inspections.

MANAGER'S REPORT

A former employee has filed for unemployment benefits, but was denied because they quit during their probationary period. Now this former employee may be preparing to appeal that decision by alleging it was a hostile work environment. This employee has filed a report against several different employees in several different departments. We believe good records were kept and they were sent to Workforce Services. As of July 1, 2024, the reservoir is still spilling and recording devices indicate there is 5 inches going over the spillway. Richens was informed today there are two leaks on the main line in the Carbonville area which is a 16-inch steel pipe. To fix it, we will need to weld over the leak and then weld the joint solid. This will be done next week. As was reported earlier, crews removed a vehicle and RV from Mead's Wash that was against our sewer main. As the owner of the vehicles is unwilling to remove the vehicles, we have reached out to Justin Needles with Carbon County Emergency Response about the issue as it could impact critical infrastructure both to the main sewer system and flood control. Richens received a call and an email from Rocky Mountain Power about moving the power line for the East Maintenance Building project. It will cost about \$37,000 and the agreement with Rocky Mountain Power will be on the next agenda. The total cost of the power line project is a little over \$68,000.00, but they have credited us \$31,000 to reduce the cost. Richens also noted that the Certified Tax Rate approval from the Board will be on the next agenda.

2023 AUDIT REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND APPROVAL

Doug Rasmussen from Smuin, Rich and Marsing was in attendance to review the 2023 fiscal audit with the board. Rasmussen reported that their opinion is an unqualified opinion, meaning that everything they reviewed or all the testing they performed did not bring anything to their attention to cause concern. This then is a clean audit report. Rasmussen went through the

report a talked about governmental funds, enterprise funds, balance sheets, revenues, and expenses. He confirmed that the District operated under budget for calendar year 2023. Chavez moved to approve 2023 audit report. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

RATIFY ADVERTISEMENT OF TWO POSITION OPENINGS

Staff received direction to advertise two open positions on the Line Maintenance crew, which is in process. This item is to ratify the approval of the Board to do so. Jensen moved to ratify the advertisement of two position openings for the Line Maintenance Department. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION #21 FOR VANCON

Richens presented to the Board a payment application #21 for the nutrient removal process. This is the final payment in the amount of \$79,351.64 to VanCon. Zauss moved to pay VanCon the final payment in the amount of \$79,351.64. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chavez asked if the District has heard from Polly Dave Atwood. They have complained to him that their sewer is backing up every time it rains. Richens indicated that the District has heard no complaints from them, but that our crews will check the sewer system to make sure flows are running free. Davis mentioned that he has talked with the Price City Mayor and the Public Works Director about the water exchange agreement between Price City and PRWID. Any meeting or proposed amendments are still in the works. He also has talked with Price City about their water usage for 2024 and they also had an unusual rise in their unbilled usage for 2023.

Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Davis seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk