

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
August 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox
Ed Chavez
Rick Davis
Scott Jensen
Jeff Richens

Micha Marelli
Kim Wood
Larry Jensen
Jon Houston
Bobby Houston

Joe Fail
Shanny Wilson

EXCUSED

Barney Zauss

Chairman Cox welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting all Board Members are present except Barney Zauss who is excused.

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 August 6, 2024 board meeting. Chavez moved to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2024 meeting as written. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, and Jensen.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that the line maintenance crews helped dig and install fiber and power conduits for the East Property, marked all incoming Blue Stakes and took TTHM/HAA samples. They fixed a leak on Hwy 6 east of Wellington, installed a new saddle, service line, and meter box, and fixed a leaking service line at 1325 W Raintree Drive. This meter box had settled and cut the service line. They also video inspected the sewer mains on Prazen Lane and Ball Park sub, and completed forklift training.

Davis reported the water plant is averaging 3 million gallons a day production. Price City gave us 300 gallons per minute for a few days during the storms, but now we are giving Price City 300 gallons per minute again. The ozone generator and revolving screen at the sand trap are still tripping and so we are talking with RMP to come and look at the substation again. Crews started putting the elastomeric sealant on the roof and was able to get some of the worse parts repaired before the rain started. They are hosing the sand trap out and flushing the diversion whenever the river is muddy as this can shut everything down. The hoist was inspected and certified, and they are working on a few broken sprinkler lines.

Jensen reported that Unit #16 received new tires and found the tire pressure monitor sensor was the wrong one. Crews received the correct ones, installed them, and Unit #16 is back in service.

Unit #4 was brought in for one repair, but the mechanic found that the water pump was leaking antifreeze too. Unit #4 has been repaired. Unit #21 has a low-pressure monitor so they installed tires and fixed it. Crews had to replace the driver's side window and seal on the 2013 Chevrolet 3500. A backhoe would not come out of 4th gear and its shift handle was loose. They tightened it and it is now fixed. They started removing the rusted-out metal from the Big Tex 16 ft. trailer, and they will be manufacturing the new side rails and sandblast in between jobs. The Ingersoll/Rand Compressor wouldn't turn off as it has a bad pressure switch. The manufacturer wanted them to replace the whole unit instead of just the switch. Tony was able to find the part that they needed on the internet for \$120 and it is back in service. The Line Maintenance building door hinges were worn out so they replaced them with new ones. Crews are continuing to get the east property ready for RMP poles being moved. Spenser Brown from CO Building transportation contacted Tony about scheduling delivery of the building material. He wants to deliver it at the end of August or beginning of September. Staff requested to wait until a building contractor was awarded. Staff was also contacted by Greg from CMI insulation about building insulation, and he was asked to wait until a building contractor was awarded and then we would schedule it. Staff also contacted Rick from Southeast Fencing about scheduled fencing completion. We are still waiting for RMP to put power polls in. The old Unit #6 has been posted on publicsurplus.com and has nine day left with no bids so far.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported the staff was expecting that Rocky Mountain Power would be here today to set new power poles and reroute power lines through the new conduit. There was a power problem at 4-mile hill which may have caused the delay. They should have it all completed by the end of August. This does cause a problem with the delivery of the construction of the new building because the fence will not be up yet. We will need to find somewhere to store the insulation. The county building permit was delayed because it was determined the building must have a fire suppression system. We now have submitted to 4 companies to design and install a sprinkler system in the building. Roughly 20 properties that get water from us are not paying property tax to PRWID for the last two years. Richens is trying to work with Carbon County to get this resolved and will talk with the Commissioners this week. Lyle and Carol Jones signed a quit claim deed to the District for the water right and it has been delivered to the recorder's office. Micha is in the process of preparing a check for Lyle Jones for the purchase of the water right. Richens gave the Board information for the UASD conference. All board members are planning on attending. The Utah Workforce Appeals Board has notified us that an appeal has been submitted on the ruling from the Administrative Law Judge and that a former employee has hired an attorney. Richens would now like to hire an employment attorney to protect the District's interests. The Board agreed and gave Richens direction.

CARBON COUNTY/INTERMOUNTAIN ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TIMELINE EXTENSION REQUEST

Commissioner Jensen, John Houston and Bobby Houston came before the Board to ask for and explain why they would like a timeline adjustment to the CRA that was approved for Intermountain Electronics. As this item was for information only, and more detailed information with financial impacts will come before the Board in the future, the Board will vote at a later time.

APPROVE FENCING ADVERTISEMENT FOR HELPER TANK

Richens presented to the Board a proposed fence alignment around the District's Helper Tank that the staff would like to send out for bid proposals. The 2024 budget includes \$20,000 for this. Davis moved to approve the fencing advertisement for Helper tank. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis and Jensen.

APPROVE ATTENDANCE EXPENDITURES TO UASD CONFERENCE

The cost to attend the UASD Conference is \$285 before Sept 13th and \$350 for late registration. Room costs are \$128.62 per night. All Board members confirm that they will be attending. Chavez moved to approve attendance expenditures to the UASD Conference. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis and Jensen.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Micha handed out mid-year budget and expenditures report, and explained that a few departments are currently a little over budget, but this can be adjusted at the end of the year. She invited any board members with questions to contact her at their convenience.

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Jensen seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk