

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
August 6, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 6, 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
Barney Zauss

Jeff Richens
Micha Marelli
Kim Wood

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 July 16, 2024 board meeting. Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting as written. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that the Line Maintenance Department has worked with Micha and Kim on sending out surveys to identify what pipe materials are serving their homes. These results will be sent to Sunrise Engineering as part of the Lead/Copper identification program. 30% of our customers were selected and they need 20% to reply. Crews took the last of the month and first of the month Bact-T samples and completed blue stakes. They took THM and HAA samples the first Tuesday of the month for August and end of the month residual samples. They fixed a water leak on an old chemical feed line at the Kenilworth pump house, excavated a leak on 1500 east but found it was irrigation, fixed a leak at Larry Davis' in an AY McDonald box, vacuumed up sludge at the WWTP, potholed along Soldier Creek road for Carbon County to find a high-pressure gas and fiber line, cleaned up and video inspected on Prazen Lane, fixed a main line leak at 1250 west, video inspected a sewer line to find a lateral for Jared Hansen, and delivered notices to customers that water would be off on 8/5/2024 to fix the leak on 1250 west.

Davis reported that the WTP is producing 3.5 million gallons a day and giving Price City 300 gallons a minute. Davis was able to get in touch with Rocky Mountain Power and they were able to identify what the issue is at the substation which is affecting the ozone generator. The replacement part was supposed to be delivered today. Crews are screening dirt at the plant in their spare time. They have been working on some repairs on the sprinkler line. Staff is looking into chemical cost and other supplies for the budget proposal for 2025. The plant has been having issues with communications and has been

resolved with John from IT department. Staff is trying to contact Thatcher chemical to see about the disposal of the chemical totes and working on roof repairs and sealing the main roof.

Zauss reported that the WWTP is still collecting COVID samples. They rebuilt a vent for the boiler gas valve for the boiler inspector, are spraying for weeds around the plant, cleaning mud from the flooding out of the primary pump system and clarifier, and continuing to refine and adjust the plant to reach the new effluent phosphorous limit. They began cleaning out the west facultative sludge basin, and collected 326 samples over the last three weeks, most of which are for process control with some for the State.

Jensen reported that Unit #16 had troubles with its tires. New tires were ordered with new tire pressure monitor sensors and will be installed once they arrive. Unit #4 door lock actuator lost their operating strength and was ordered. The 2024 F350, Unit #6, was received and they are working on getting it ready to put into service. The International dump truck is still having air conditioner issues. They replaced a compressor and it is back in service. Crews are working on the Big Tex 16 ft. trailer. There is a lot of rust and some metal to replace. Then they will sandblast and repaint. The Ingersoll Rand Air Compressor has a bad pressure switch and would not idle down or shut off. They got a quote for a new switch for over \$1,100, but were able to find an after-market switch for \$120. They are working on safety inspections and they are almost completed. The Maintenance building interior doors had several hinges that were worn out so new ones that will last longer were purchased and will be installed as time allows. The east property has some changes by Rocky Mountain Power that were made to the conduit, size, and pipe placement. Crews ordered what they needed from TR Electric and are working with the line crew to install it. They are getting the old Unit #6, 2004 Ford, ready for surplus sale.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens updated the Board on the East Maintenance building progress. The power and communications conduits should be completed tomorrow or Thursday. A list of contractors and plan rooms requesting Bid and Bond Documents and Plans was presented to the board. A report on Scofield Reservoir, August 5, 2024, reports the level is down 2 ft. from the spillway. Also, a report of how much water each of the large water holders in this valley have and have used was presented to the Board. The District still has about 44% of its water, most of which is used over the summer and drops off around the end of October. The Utah Association of Special District conference is Nov 6-8, 2024. Richens is asking Trustees to check their schedules to determine who would be able to attend.

APPROVE HIRING TWO LINE MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES

The Line Maintenance Department would like to submit the names of John Jaramillo and Rustin Kay to fill the two positions as advertised. Both would start August 12, 2024. Both have expressed a great enthusiasm to work for the District. Chavez moved to hire both John Jaramillo and Rustin Kay for the Line Maintenance Department. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF RAMPARTS PUMP CONTROLLER FOR WWTP

Richens presented a request from the WWTP to purchase a Ramparts Pump Controller from Utility Management in the amount of \$9,683.52. This is a sole source purchase. Jensen moved to approve the purchase of the controller for \$9,683.52. Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF 400' OF 4" PIPE AND APPURTENANCES

The Line Maintenance Department has submitted a request for quotes from three suppliers to replace 400' of pipe in the County Industrial Park that is frequently leaking and to add a valve to enable directional flow control better. Chavez moved to approve the purchase of 400 feet of 4" pipe and appurtenances from Scholtzen Products Co for \$3,443.26. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

APPROVE DECLARATION AS SURPLUS AND SALE OF UNIT #6

Unit #6 is ready to be sold but needs to be declared as surplus by the Board and the sale authorized. We will advertise its sale on publicsuplus.com. Zauss moved to approve the declaration as surplus and sale of Unit #6. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

GRAMMA REQUEST DISCUSSION AND DECISION

The District has received yet another GRAMA request from the same former employee. In speaking with the Executive Director of the Utah Association of Special Districts and receiving direction from the Utah Division of Archives and Records Services, it appears that the District's policy and Utah code allows the District to deny access to the record in question as it deals with an existing employee's work record. Chavez moved to approve Chairman Cox signing the letter denying the GRAMA request with the removal of the bold lettering. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Micha reported to the Board that the Carbonville/East Wellington bond has been paid off. Chavez reported that he spoke with the Helper City Councilman about the water issue of unlimited supply of water. Davis asked if PRWID is working with Price City on the development behind Tractor Supply. Richens indicated that the City is working with the developer on this project. PRWID is working with the City on the New Maverick and a new tunnel car wash south of the old Pizza Hut. Zauss asked about Lyle Jones's water right purchase. Richens reported that it is on the State Engineer's desk.

Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Chavez seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk