

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
September 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Ed Chavez
Rick Davis
Scott Jensen
Barney Zauss

Jeff Richens
Micha Marelli
Kim Wood

EXCUSED

Keith Cox

Vice-Chairman Davis welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting all Board Members are present with the exception of Keith Cox who is excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chavez 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 Vice-Chairman asked for input to the minutes of the September 3, 2024 board meeting. Chavez moved to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting as written. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that the Line Maintenance department has been working on the bid for the fence at the Helper Tank, repaired a water leak on the 12" Ridge Road water line, set a 1" meter for Derek Martinez in Westwood. They are working to finalized the 2025 budget, make asphalt repairs on Gordon Creek, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Schade and Anderson repairs, set a 3/4" meter for Callahan in Liberty Estates, and fixed a leak on Kenilworth Road. There was a leak in the Golf Course Subdivision that was on the customer's side of meter. Crews fixed settlement from a leak on Ridge Road, took residual and first of the month Bact-T samples, and marked all Blue Stakes.

Jensen reported that in the Fleet Department, Unit #13 was involved with the Helper hailstorm and received slight damage to the roof, hood, and trim. It was decided to not repair the small hail dents, but the trim needed to be fixed. The windshield also received a rock chip which was fixed and they installed a new front main seal, harmonic balancer. Then they found and fixed an antifreeze leak. Unit #8 needed the radio and both doors' lower seals replaced. The wear areas were primed and painted to fix the rust areas before installing the new seals. The windshield washer nozzles on Unit #16 were not working. Crews ordered and installed new nozzles, then found fluid under the truck. They pressure tested the coolant system and found the water pump

was leaking. A new water pump was ordered but they are waiting for parts so it is still out of service. The Big Tex trailer fabricating and welding have been completed. Crews are now working to removing the decals and paint. The International Dump truck shows a faulty control module which was a fluid level sensor. The sensor was replaced, but after the line crew drove it and the WTP took it, the check engine light came on again. One of the light stations had a flat tire when doing the PM checks. This unit needs new tires, so it is out of service. The Kobelco track hoe turret had a buildup of water of grease in it. They drained the water and grease and it is back in service. The concrete mixer needs new tires due to age. Rocky Mountain Power is now installing lines and power poles for the East Maintenance building. 1 in the tanks. Unit 6, 2004 Ford has been posted on Public Surplus, auction will end on September 27, 2024 and there are no bids yet. Entry level driver training for CDL will start September 30th with Braxton Atwood and Hunter Sherman will be attending. Worked on the budget.

Zauss reported that the WWTP continues to test for COVID. 240 tests in the past two weeks have been completed and staff is working on bringing the phosphorus levels under control. They are cleaning out the West sludge basin and taking the biosolids to the drying beds, as well as, brush mowing around the plant and regular lawn mowing.

Davis reported that the WTP is running at 3.5 million gallons a day and giving Price City 300 gallons a minute and they are training the new operator on running the belt press. They replaced the water heater and are digging out the drainage ditches around the plant in preparation for winter. A PLC card failed at the sludge building so crews are working with John from I.T. to have additional cards on hand when they fail. There has been less power disruption this week with the help from RMP.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that Rocky Mountain Power is installing new power poles and wire and will switch us to new power lines and pull out the old line. The East Maintenance Building contractor plans to start the second week of October and suggested the District consider adding a layer of insulation in the ceiling between the steel. Everything has been submitted to the Workforce Appeals Board within the required 10 days and no other comments have come back yet. The water right purchase was finalized with Lyle Jones and the WTP is reporting that we are using the water right on their report so after reporting for 6 months, we then need to hire an engineer or a licensed land surveyor to submit the proof that we are using the water right. Helper City has requested a letter support from the District for funding assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. The carpet out front is old and damaged so Richens will get some bids to replace it.

DISCUSS AND AWARD HELPER TANK FENCING PROJECT

Richens reviewed the bids with the board members by presenting a Bid Tabulation for the Helper Tank Fence Project. The Board reviewed and discussed the bids that were submitted. Chavez moved to award the bid to Southeast Fence in the amount of \$18,774.21. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

ACCEPT TARP AWARD FUND INTO 2024 BUDGET

The Utah Local Governments Trust has awarded Price River Water Improvement District a TARP credit of \$1,767.00. Zauss moved to accept the TARP Award funds into the 2024 Budget. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET DISCUSSION WITH SUPERVISORS

The department supervisors were present for the preliminary discussion for the 2025 operation and maintenance budget.

Beau reviewed his proposed budget with the Board. He highlighted that there are no changes to the sewer budget and small additions to the water budget which reflect higher prices for inventory and stocked parts and supplies.

Troy reviewed his proposed budget with the Board. The largest increase will be chemicals.

Tony reviewed his proposed budget with the Board. Fleet has some big changes in equipment maintenance. When the new East Maintenance building is completed, they will need some new equipment to replace that which will be left for Line Maintenance. He also highlighted there is no vehicle replacement this year. The next replacement would be for a dump truck in the 2026 or 2027 budget.

Blaine reviewed his proposed budget with the Board. The largest increase is for utilities. He also highlighted the request for a boiler that burns the methane gas from the digesters.

Richens reviewed the Administration's proposed budget with the Board. The largest increase would be for computer equipment District-wide as the software is having a major upgrade and the hardware will need to follow suit. None of the proposed budgets included wages and benefits as those costs are still unknown at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Zauss seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk