

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
February 20, 2024

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

PRESENT

Keith Cox	Jeff Richens	James Saunders
Scott Jensen	Micha Marelli	
Barney Zauss	Kim Wood	
Lenise Peterman	Rick Davis	
Mike Kourianos	Dan Hawley	

EXCUSED

Chairman Cox welcomed all in attendance to the meeting noting all Board Members are present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cox led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dan Hawley presented to the board that Jones and Demille Engineering have been sponsoring workshops that they have put together that are available to everyone. He highlighted one this Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. with guest speaker Cody Deeter. The workshop will feature entity financial planning and funding options. He left an outline for the board members to review.

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with Agenda Items.

MINUTES

The Chair asked for input to the minutes of the February 6, 2024 board meeting. Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting as written. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos, Peterman, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Peterman reported that the line crew have been doing administrative tasks such as PO's, timecards and purchasing parts, printed and filed Bac-T samples for the middle of the month, and helped video inspect the sewer on Pitt's Loop with Jacob. The water crew is checking stations twice a week and fixed the settlement along Westwood blvd. and in Golding Subdivision. They checked tanks monthly and fixed some settlement in Spring Glen, fixed a meter for Bobby Houston, and rebuilt the PRV at Newman Vault. The sewer crew checked the lift stations twice a week, acquired a permit from UDOT for the Old Wellington Road vault overhaul, delivered notices to Hillside Drive residences so they could get the water turned off to repair the line, and cleaned out both four-inch pump screens at the Kenilworth pump house. The blue stakes crew has marked all requests, helped with the camera inspection in Kenilworth, and delivered parts to Old Wellington Road for the Hillside vault overhaul. All employees attended a safety meeting in lockout/tagout.

Kourianos reported the WTP is still supplying water and doing a good job. They are still getting some water from Price City. They have been working on lights and other electrical issues, moved some

concrete slabs to form a walkway, and they are working on replacing heaters as needed in the plant. Training is ongoing with operators and they are changing the fluorescent bulbs to LED bulbs.

Zauss reported that the WWTP is still testing for COVID 19. They are doing a lot of grading around the lift stations and sludge basin. Staff received some training with Hachand a representative from Rural Water, worked on organizing the shop and garage, and attended safety meeting. Some staff attended an online Rural Water Operator Wastewater Training. They collected 244 samples in the past two weeks.

Jensen reported that the fleet crews are still working on recalls for a few vehicles. The International dump truck is still leaking an excess amount of oil. They are trying to diagnose it so crews put it back into service to keep an eye on it. The hood prop was missing on the vactor so they have made a replacement. Connectors for the suction hose are wearing out so they are going to temporarily fix them and they will need to be replaced. They forgot to order a couple bushings for the backhoe at the WWTP. The driver's insurance who damaged the entrance gate to the shop is paying to repair the gate. The 2024 truck arrived at Ken Garff Ford and is at Reading Truck to install the bed. It should be 3-4 weeks out. They are ordering 2,000 gallons of unleaded gas and 300 gallons of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reports that UDOT is looking to redoing the intersection of HWY 191 and HWY 6. They will be installing a traffic light and their construction may impact our water line. There is eight more days of legislative session. Richens has one more meeting next week and then he will have a report for the board on what bills passed, what the status is and how they will affect the District for the March 5 meeting. Richens reminded the Board members that next meeting they will need to decide on the 2024 water leases, and that as the reservoir is almost full and will spill, we can lease whatever we want to lease. All the assessments have all been increased so Richens is asking the board to consider a \$30 per acre ft. lease amount at a minimum because our assessment bill is over \$30,000. At the next meeting, we will be swearing in two new board members one from Price City and one Helper City.

### ULGT 2023 LOSS REPORT DISCUSSION

Each year the Trust gives the District a utilization report. They insure the District for three categories: Workers Comp, property liability, and vehicles. Last year we had one worker's comp claim and none in liabilities or automobile. We have not had any claims in 5 years for automobile. In 2021 we had a property claim on a water leak. Richens is expecting a rebate on our premium and explained that we get a TARP award for our safety program which we use to buy safety equipment.

### EAST MAINTENANCE BUILDING DISCUSSION

Staff has some ideas of ways to save money on the East Maintenance Building and is seeking input and opinion from the Board. Richens presented the site plan and explained that the dotted area is proposed area for asphalt. The question has been posed if we should do concrete in this area verses asphalt. The concrete would be about the same cost for asphalt if we would do our own installation, and this is where we would save money with zero maintenance in the foreseeable future. The thought would be to pour 20' x 20' slabs that are 8-inches thick. Cox recommends reaching out to others that have done this work to get more opinions as to placement of rebar and thickness of concrete.

### APPROVE JOB OPENING ADVERTISEMENT FOR LINE MAINTENANCE

The Line Maintenance Department has received a two-week notice from Paige Heisterman and is requesting authorization to advertise and hire a replacement. Peterman moved to approve advertising the position opening for the Line Maintenance. Kourianos seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Jensen, Kourianos, Peterman and Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION


None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Peterman gave an update on Helper City's tank rehabilitation efforts. They have awarded a contract to begin with the tank by Castle Gate subdivision and to add cathodic protection. She also invited the Board to Helper on March 8<sup>th</sup> for a Castle Gate Explosion Memorial Event for the 100-year anniversary. It will be at the Rio Theater from 10am- 7pm. They will have speakers at 1pm and 7pm to honor the 172 miners that lost their lives.

Barney asked questions about the March 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting as most board members will be at a conference. Richens explained that the meeting will need to be canceled by the clerk. Richens also gave an update on conference accommodations to board members.

Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Zauss seconded the non-debatable motion.

  
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Keith Cox, Chairman

  
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Kim Wood, Clerk