

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
April 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, April 16, 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	Jeff Richens
Scott Jensen	Micha Marelli
Barney Zauss	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 Chair asked for input to the minutes of the April 2, 2024 board meeting. Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Chavez reported that Beau Fausett attended a backflow class for CEUs on April 11 with Mike Robertson. The Line Maintenance department set a meter for Kevin Callahan at Ballpark Subdivision, took first of the month samples, dropped off, picked up and shipped lead and copper samples for the hospital, fixed a leak in Carbonville, and cleaned out a sump at the WWTP. They also cleaned out the drain pit at the Haul Station, helped create a "beaver slide" in a sewer manhole at 550 N. and Gordon Creek Rd., fixed a frost plate on Coal Creek Road, used the camera to verify pipe material and sites for contractors at the Old Industrial Park for a sewer tap, and flushed the main sewer line from Indian Canyon to Helper.

Davis reported that there is a demand increasing from the water plant. They are running 1.5 million gallons per day, 16 hours per day, and added a Saturday and Sunday 8-hour shift. One of the operators had an accident while off duty and will be off for a while. They flushed out the diversion, removed debris from the trash rack, and hosed out the sand trap. The operators have been organizing supplies and doing some building maintenance to prevent water from getting into the building.

Zauss had nothing to report at this time.

Jensen reported that the Fleet Department completed replacement on the door pins on the service bed of the 2023 Chevrolet and it is back in service. The Kobelco track hoe's battery maintainer was not working so they had to replace it and get new batteries. The Marman dump truck had a problem with the fan hub. It is now fixed. The Trailmax trailer lock device was worn out. A replacement part is not available so it will need to be constructed so that it is greaseable. The riding lawn mower at the WWTP had some problems with the belt, grass buildup, and a broken bearing. Crews are working on landscaping and the contractor finished the gate replacement. Crews will be working on removing the dead tree with local tree service at a cost of \$1,000. The invitation for bids on the East Maintenance building will end April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. Don Campbell started the final stage of his ELDT training on the manual transmission and the Marman dump truck. Campbell has completed behind the wheel range testing and is now driving in public. His Utah State Skills test is scheduled April 25<sup>th</sup>. Tony noted that Don is doing great.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens talked about the response letter that was approved by the Board and returned to the County Commissioners. Response from Commissioner Jensen said that he appreciated the response and requested that the Board keep in mind if there is a way we can help minimize or reduce the cost of development. Richens reported on the River Commissioner's Report. The river is running fairly full. They are bringing the reservoir down a little bit to help with the run off. The engineer of the East Maintenance building wanted to know what building we would be using. Bids have gone out and we have received three back so far. The engineer will be here tomorrow to do the soils testing and staff will be meeting with Rocky Mountain Power about moving the power line next week. There is a project between the Carbon County Airport and USU Eastern to put in more hangers. Their engineers contacted us about our specifications which give rise to an issue with inadequate fire protection.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WATER RIGHT PURCHASE

Lyle Jones has approached the District to sell a water right which he owns. He has been told by Carbon Canal Board that they won't allow this water right to flow through the Carbon Canal, so he'd like to sell it to us as our diversion is first on the Price River. In speaking with staff at the Division of Water Rights, direct flow rights are subject to curtailment regardless of their proof date, and this is about 40 gpm. year-round. Mr. Jones indicated that this water right cost him more than \$20,000 and that he realizes now that he "bought a dead horse". He was going to contact other water users to see if they would be interested as well. Richens told him that he would get back to him. The Board discusses the purchase of the water share from Lyle Jones and what benefit it would be to the District. Chavez moved to offer Jones what he paid for the water right but not to exceed \$25,000. As no one seconded the motions, the motion died. Chavez then moved to offer \$28,000 for the right. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Chavez, Davis, Jensen and Zauss.

### REPORT ON FEDERAL PFAS RULES AND RESULTS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has codified the requirement to remove PFOA and PFAS from drinking water regardless of the cost or if it is in the source. Richens reviewed the reports with the Board which show that there no action required and there is no PFAS detected in the District's drinking water.

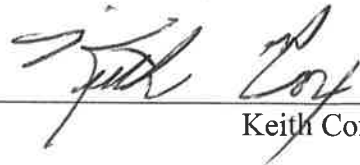
CLOSED SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Chavez moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Jensen seconded the non-debatable motion.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk