

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

July 1, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

Present

Keith Cox	Jeff Richens
Rick Davis	Micha Marrelli
Ed Chavez	Kiera Luke
Scott Jensen	
Barney Zauss	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cox. He welcomed everyone and noted that all board members were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with agenda items.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 17, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon a motion by Jensen and a second by Chavez, the minutes were approved unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Cox, Jensen, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Zauss reported that the Water Treatment Plant is currently operating twenty-four hours a day and processing approximately 3.5 to 4 million gallons daily. As of June 1st, the plant is delivering 300 gallons per minute to Price City. The sand trap rotating screen is now functional after being repaired by Dillon from Castle Gate Engineering. Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) samples are being collected and will continue as directed by the Division of Drinking Water. A new backflow prevention device has been installed in the lime room. Staff is also organizing records and keeping only those from the past seven years. Additionally, the belt guide roller has been rebuilt to improve the belt-filter press performance and the LMI polymer pump in the sludge building has also been rebuilt.

Jensen stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant continues COVID-19 sampling. Work is ongoing on the Alum Dosage System and the south primary clarifier. Staff has completed repairs to the garage door and the scissor lift. Grounds maintenance, including lawn care and herbicide application, continues as weather permits. A total of 311 lab tests were performed during the reporting period.

Chavez had no updates. Richens noted this was due to Tony's computer failure, and reports are expected to resume once the replacement is installed. Richens reported that the Fleet Maintenance crew is working on the plumbing for the East Building. They borrowed a crimping tool to assist with running large water lines. Annual fleet safety inspections are ongoing.

Davis reported that Jacob has been coordinating labor to support work on the East Building. The team is still seeking a backflow prevention training course. While traffic control training has been completed, staff expressed interest in having three additional employees attend due to its value. The line crew repaired a fire hydrant in front of Badlands Machine. The crew is also working on gathering appropriate rock for the upcoming Miller Creek Water Line project. Additionally, they are assisting Ross in collecting updated fire hydrant data as requested by Carbon County.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that construction on the East Maintenance Building is nearing completion, with final inspections pending. A request for final payment has been submitted by the fire suppression company, excluding the 5% retainage.

Richens also shared correspondence from a company (under a nondisclosure agreement) seeking cost estimates for a potential wastewater re-use project. Due to limited information, Richens provided only rough estimates, assuming worst-case scenarios for pipeline routing and plant upgrades.

A corrective action agreement was signed with the Utah Division of Drinking Water to include monthly water data from Wellington City in the annual water report. E-reader meters have been installed, and the District will begin reporting this data from 2024 through 2026, as required. Once three years of data are submitted, the current 15-point penalty on the water system will be removed.

On Thursday, Intermountain Electronics will perform a hot tap on the main line near Consumers Road. Ross and Jacob will be onsite to oversee the work as Richens will be out of state for one week to visit family.

Finally, PRWID is coordinating with Price City on an emergency watershed project requiring rip-rap rock. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for July 8, during which PRWID will review material availability with their engineers.

REVIEW AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF EVAPORATIVE COOLERS FOR EAST MAINTENANCE BUILDING

The board reviewed multiple bids for evaporative coolers designed for down-draft mounting. There was no justification for the cost of installing a gas-fired rooftop unit. Staff recommended purchasing the low bid from Grangers, which allows for quick delivery. Installation will be completed in-house to reduce costs. Chavez moved to approve the purchase from Grangers in the amount of \$11,115.39. Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Cox, Jensen, and Zauss.

APPROVAL OF IMPACT FIRE PARTIAL PAYMENT #5

The board reviewed partial payment #5 in the amount of \$2,453.37, representing the final balance owing to Impact Fire, excluding retainage. Zauss moved to approve partial payment request #5 in the amount of \$2,453.37. Chavez seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Cox, Jensen, and Zauss.

APPROVAL TO SEND ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES TO TRAFFIC CONTROL
TECHNICIAN TRAINING

Jacob and Pat reported the training was highly beneficial and recommended sending additional employees. Richens questioned the necessity, but acknowledged that if supervisors are excluded, only one technician remains certified. The recommendation is to send Mike, Jordan, and Braxton for certification. It was also noted that Flagger Training is scheduled for July 10. Chavez moved to approve sending three more employees to Traffic Control Technician Training. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Cox, Jensen, Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marelli reported that the annual audit has been submitted to the State Auditor.

Davis clarified a point from previous minutes, noting that Helper City is also involved in discussions referenced by Richens regarding coordination with Miles Nelson and Price City.

Jensen expressed concern regarding infrastructure vulnerabilities. He suggested a future agenda item to discuss potential risks, preventative maintenance needs, and replacing aging infrastructure; specifically mentioning the main water line through Carbonville, the Mud Flats line, and the Church Farm line.

With no further business, Chavez moved to adjourn the meeting. Davis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.


Keith Cox, Chairman


Kim Wood, Clerk