

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

August 5, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 5, 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	Kiera Luke
Ed Chavez	Amy Richens
Barney Zauss	

Excused

Scott Jensen
Micha Marrelli

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cox. He welcomed all in attendance, and excused Scott Jensen and Micha Marrelli from the meeting.

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 July 15, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon a motion by Chavez that was seconded by Davis, the minutes were approved unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Cox, and Zauss.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Zauss reported that the Water Treatment Plant is currently running twentyfour-seven at around 3.5 million gallons a day each week, and still providing Price City about 300 gallons per minute. The plant continues to face challenges in filling the tank located on Four Mile Hill above 35 feet. High water demand on the south end of the valley and increased usage at the Questar building are contributing factors to that. There was a gate valve issue, where the valve opened on its own; although the switch was reset, the issue persists and will be further investigated. A sheared pin was replaced in the pretreatment basin and the number of sludge-draw cycles was increased in an effort to relieve some of that pressure until a solution can be found. Staff are currently developing a procedural manual that will aid in training new employees. Efforts continue to obtain quotes from three different vendors for a replacement decant pump which remains isolated due to significant leaking.

Chavez reported that the Fleet Maintenance Crew has been performing preventative maintenance on equipment and vehicles, including resolving air conditioning issues in a 2010 Ford F-150 by replacing the fuse and compressor. Ground maintenance continues with lawns being mowed and fertilized. A dumpster continues to be placed at the RV Dump site for weekend

camper use. The exhaust reels from the west shop are being relocated to the east shop with fan and motor installations completed and electrical wiring in place. A 6-inch exhaust pipe has been ordered. The East Building received the mezzanine floor covering, and point-to-point communication lines and internet were established between buildings, a lot of this work was made possible through using a telescopic forklift. Evaporative coolers have been installed and wired; three are fully operational with a fourth nearing completion. Additional facility improvements included installing bathroom accessories and preparing the main office entryway for new carpet to be installed on August 6. The hot water heater and a gas meter have been installed, with system testing expected shortly. Painting and exterior door enclosures have also been completed. The ADA entrance area is not yet operational but is expected to be addressed within 2-3 days.

Davis shared updates from Line Maintenance. He spoke with Jacob regarding the Traffic Control class, which Mike, Brandon, and Jordan will attend, completing the training for the crew. A new meter was installed in the Ballpark Subdivision. Two leaks were reported in Westwood, one of which was under a resident's concrete driveway and will likely result in it needing to be replaced. A major water main leak occurred near the Morris property in Carbonville, resulting in a water outage from 3:00 PM to 3:00 AM. The leak was initially stopped, but a slow drip will require welding to fully resolve the issue. Jacob has expressed concern about the repeated failures in a particular section of the main line, noting this is the sixth or seventh leak in this line this year. He emphasized that the problem is worsening and recommended that this section - from the golf course possibly past the Oman residence - look at being replaced. Jacob also questioned if there is a bottleneck in this area. Richens acknowledged the concern but clarified that while the line is critical, it is an 18-inch line and not necessarily a bottleneck. He also noted that it has been a long time since an engineering study was conducted and supported the idea of moving forward with a new study. Davis stated that a preliminary report, of a different ongoing study from Price City, would be available within 4-5 weeks.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens emphasized the need for a prioritized infrastructure plan and will meet with staff to develop one before reporting back to the Board. He mentioned that Waterworks Engineers have served the District for approximately 15-16 years, originally chosen for their process engineering expertise. However, with recent staff changes, process engineers are no longer locally based. Richens proposed developing a decision-making matrix to guide the selection of a new engineering firm to support planning efforts over the next 8-10 years.

Richens shared that Scofield Reservoir is scheduled for a partial shutdown on August 11 for work to be done on the outflow gate. The outage is expected to last 8-10 hours. Water users will be notified, and a heavy water flow will be provided over the weekend to assist irrigators. The PRWID tanks will be filled in preparation.

Discussions with Barney regarding Wellington's two tanks led Richens to recommend a hydraulic analysis be done to better understand the system.

Additionally, new flooring will be installed outside PRWID's main office tomorrow.

APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT INCLUDING RETAINAGE TO IMPACT FIRE

Richens explained that an approval letter from the county on the fire suppression system has not yet been received. However, everything is in place and inspections have been completed. The Board, pending the receipt of that approval letter, will move to approve the payment. Zauss

moved to approve the final payment in the amount of \$2,623.76 to Impact Fire. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Cox, and Zauss.

APPROVE BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGER TO ATTEND THE UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Early Bird registration is set at \$295 per person, with an additional charge for guests (spouses) to cover meals. Richens requested an estimate for those who plan and are able to attend, so that they can lock in the early bird price. The Board agreed to provide the necessary information so Richens could proceed. Chavez moved to approve the board members and manager to attend the Utah Association of Special District Annual Conference with the required expenditures. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Davis, Cox, and Zauss.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chavez inquired about the second attempt at the Consumers Road waterline connection, wondering if it went more smoothly. Davis responded that it had.

Davis reported that Tyler Clark will serve as a representative for Wellington on the board that is discussing the Lower Basin Reservoir. Davis shared that the group has been discussing three alternative sites for the Lower Basin Reservoir. Site #5 was selected as the most viable option; it covers a slightly larger area and does not include state lands, making it preferable. Work continues on the EIS to pursue approximately \$14 million in funding, though that is what is available to the whole United States, this project requires \$2,894,000 to cover the recreation design and real property applications, which will be a challenge to acquire due to nationwide competition for funds.

Richens reported ongoing coordination with Intermountain Electronics regarding water infrastructure. The billing for water usage will be the same as at the water haul station. A complication arose as Intermountain aims to compress their 3-5 year expansion plan into just a few months. The proposed locations for the water line loop continue to change, making planning difficult. The Houstons and Jason Frandsen have proposed relocating a meter to the highway. However, discussions are needed with property owners to ensure proper tie-ins and water pressure. Pressure should be sufficient unless the vault installation results in a significant pressure drop.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Davis, and was seconded by Chavez at 7:57 p.m.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk