

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
February 3, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

Present

Rick Davis	Jeff Richens
Ed Chavez	Micha Marrelli
Chris Haycock	Kiera Luke
Scott Jensen	Gary Scow
Bryan Thayn	Daniel Campbell

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Davis. He noted that all board members were present and thanked everyone in attendance. He also noted that the meeting would follow the order outlined in the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By invitation from Davis, Haycock led all in attendance in 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 January 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the Board. There were misspellings of Thayn's name that were noted and fixed to be consistent throughout the meeting minutes. Jensen moved to approve the minutes with those changes. Chavez seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Haycock, Davis, Jensen, and Thayn.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Thayn shared that the Fleet Department is continuing preventive maintenance and repairs on large equipment, trucks, and SUVs, including inspections, fueling, greasing, washing, and necessary repairs to maintain fleet reliability. Work has progressed on the East Maintenance Building interior, including electrical and plumbing improvements. Crews completed fabrication, painting, and installation of new metal benches in Bay #2. The installation of the Omni Waste Oil Burner Furnace chimney components has begun and will continue as workload allows. Scotty Burns successfully passed the Utah State CDL Skills Test on January 22 and received his CDL with the appropriate endorsements. Rustin Kay's test is scheduled for February 5 with additional CMV training planned beforehand. Daniel Martinez is scheduled for testing on February 19.

Jensen presented that the Line Maintenance crews repaired a leak at 3852 N 1590 W by replacing a leaking dresser coupler with a 6-inch sleeve and section of pipe, followed by line flushing to ensure water quality. On January 30, crews assisted Wellington City in repairing a main

water line using a repair coupler. Administrative and operational support included completing 2025 inventory counts, processing timecards and purchase orders, attending weekly supervisor meetings, managing work orders, filing and printing sample results, and ordering stock and replacement parts. Staff also assisted with master and residential meter readings, shut-off notifications, and monthly meter reading processes. Routine duties included weekly station checks, assisting mechanics as needed, and cleaning settlement around previous leak and meter locations. Chris Haycock reviewed crews during the January 24 repair and provided lunch which was appreciated by all.

Haycock reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant continues participation in the state COVID-19 and measles sampling study. Staff repaired erosion damage to the Facultative Sludge Basin dike to maintain structural integrity. Routine facility maintenance included cleaning the shop and completing gravel road repairs in and around the plant. Work is ongoing on the waste gas burner controller. During this reporting period, 236 laboratory tests and samples were collected and analyzed, primarily for process control, with the remainder supporting the State Discharge Monitoring Report. Haycock also shared that he did a site visit out there last week as well and learned a lot in the process.

Lastly, Chavez shared that the Water Treatment Plant continues to receive approximately 600 gpm from Price City. Staff completed scheduled clearwell maintenance, including cleaning, inspection, disinfection, and returning the system to service, and are considering moving this to an annual schedule. On January 26, 2026, crews identified a failed vacuum regulator on a chlorine tank due to a cracked regulator body, and a request was submitted to purchase a replacement. Operators also found the sandtrap screen cycling improperly and are troubleshooting the issue internally, with plans to involve an electrician if needed. Brentwood's evaluation of the pre-treatment basin chain and flight system inspection from January 8, 2026, was received and will be reviewed to plan in-house repairs and replacements.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens provided an update regarding the TYR Energies property. He clarified that only the portion shown in the prior advertising language was deeded to TYR Energies. After consulting with legal counsel, he explained that for the District to dispose of the property, the Board would need to declare it surplus, follow statutory procedures, and advertise it. Michael Walter expressed concern about potential competitors becoming aware of the property. The attorney was asked whether a direct lease to TYR Energies could be pursued instead and is awaiting a response. Richens noted the property is largely unusable, except for a pond that TYR Energies is interested in for stormwater management. Richens reported on meetings held with Everest regarding a wastewater reuse proposal. One meeting included Everest representatives, followed by a separate meeting with engineers. Engineers are scheduled to visit the site the following Tuesday to evaluate piping options and whether PRWID has adequate space and property to support the project. Some of this information was included in the board packet. Davis participated in the call and stated that he did not believe PRWID customers should be asked to bear the financial burden of the project. Richens noted Everest did not respond to that concern. The findings will be presented to Everest in mid-March for further discussion. Richens also reported that Price City is seeking state funding for updates to its water treatment plant, which then required them to study the feasibility of consolidating both water supply systems. Davis recalled that the evaluation occurred in May 2024. Staff has prepared a two-page list of questions for Price City to review. Richens stated that the resulting report will be made public once finalized. Legislative updates were provided. Richens

explained that House Bill 292, sponsored by Representative Troy Shelly of Sanpete County, could impact PRWID due to a 1984 subordination agreement. He noted that based on recent court rulings, the agreement would not allow any changes unless a dam is constructed. Richens expressed hope that Representative Watkins could add language to the bill to exclude PRWID from its impact. Richens also reported on a bill sponsored by Senator Derrin Owens proposing the creation of Gooseberry State Park and funding for the Gooseberry Narrows Dam adjacent to the park. The project is estimated at approximately \$63 million in state and taxpayer funding. The attorney recommended that representatives from PRWID, Carbon County, and Price City attend the upcoming committee meeting and speak on the matter. Richens indicated his plan to attend and stated he would coordinate with legal counsel in preparation. Richens shared that PRWID received an update to its effluent water right, which now allows use for industrial or irrigation purposes anywhere in the District boundaries. Richens concluded with a River Commissioner update. As of December 31, PRWID had 41 acre-feet of water remaining in the reservoir. 1,320 water shares were leased to the public during the year. The reservoir continues to fill due to water inflows from the mine, which has encountered another pocket of water. The system is expected to achieve 100% delivery on water shares. Richens noted PRWID has already received inquiries about leasing water shares and recommended leasing fewer shares this year than last. As of the previous day, the reservoir was approximately six feet from spilling.

#### CUSTOMER REQUEST TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Richens opened the discussion at Gary Scow's request for him to do so. He reviewed that at prior meetings both Scow's proposal and PRWID's proposal had been presented and that Scow had expressed dissatisfaction with the District's option. Richens stated PRWID offered to mole and pull the line under the farm road while maintaining meter alignment to assist Mr. Scow. Richens explained that Scow presented Option #2 or Option #3, which would extend the line approximately 25 feet east and install a blow-off. To avoid further disputes, Richens contacted the adjacent property owner, who expressed willingness to meet with staff and the Board. That property owner then questioned why Scow would not route the line as desired on his own property. Upon realization that this request is for the District to expend funds, the property owner withdrew his support and permission to extend the line into his property and stated that the District should not assist with private land development. Daniel Campbell asked if approving Scow's request would establish a precedent for future cases, to which Richens responded that it might.

Chavez made a motion to accept PRWID's option: to come straight across from the tap off the 8-inch line, place the meter in the District's proposed location, and pull the line under the farm road upon receipt of a signed waiver from Scow that the District would not be responsible for the service line past the meter. Davis invited Scow to address the Board. Scow stated his preference for Option #1, explaining it would avoid a main line extension and revised his request for only one meter instead of two. He then referenced an existing meter requesting it be moved because a corner post would be installed. Richens responded that there were multiple issues with that proposal and confirmed that Scow's preferred option was Option #1. Scow stated that if PRWID were responsible for all future issues, he would be agreeable. Haycock and Chavez both opposed PRWID assuming responsibility for settling or future problems associated with the private line. Scow reiterated that he wanted the new meter placed next to the existing meter, while PRWID maintained its proposed location. Chavez expressed a desire to address the motion before the Board. Davis restated the motion on the table and requested a second. Haycock seconded. Jensen

expressed some uncertainty, and Thayn asked clarifying questions. Upon a call to vote, the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Haycock, Davis, Jensen, and Thayn.

#### UDOT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Richens reported on a bridge replacement project near the Price City Water Plant. Photographs were included in the board packet. UDOT will request a construction easement and possibly a permanent easement to provide workspace for the project. The project is being coordinated with Carbon County. Originally, the right-of-way was proposed to extend near PRWID's building. Haycock clarified that this location is near where TYR Energies discussed a one-way road. Richens noted that trains frequently block access in this area, making it difficult for PRWID and Price City employees to access their facilities. Richens stated the project timeline is not yet known and that he will provide updates as more information becomes available.

#### DISCUSSION ON WASTEWATER REUSE PROPOSAL

1. Project Everest Type 1 Reuse and Potable Water Study

Richens explained that this topic will be discussed in detail with engineers during their upcoming visit. The discussion will also include capital improvement projects. He noted that all employees and Board members are operating under a nondisclosure agreement, which is why the project is referred to as "Everest." Richens referenced the cost estimate and scope of work outlined on page 7 of the study in the Board packet. He stated that PRWID's position is that Everest should be responsible for funding the study. If Everest declines, Richens recommended that PRWID not proceed further.

2. Approve Keller Associates Agreement for Professional Services

Richens presented an agreement with Keller Associates outlining expectations and compensation. He explained that any work performed would be authorized through task orders brought before the Board, and that PRWID would remain in control of approving all work. Davis clarified the delegation process and responsibilities.

3. Approve Task Order #1

This item was presented for informational purposes only and did not require Board approval at this time.

Chavez moved to approve and sign the professional services agreement. Haycock seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Chavez, Haycock, Davis, Jensen, and Thayn.

#### CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marrelli informed the Board that Jensen is now authorized to sign all financial responsibilities. She clarified that Jensen will sign financial documents when Davis is unavailable.

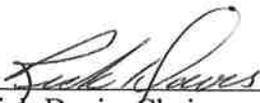
Chavez suggested implementing a sign-in or comment form for public comments, including name, affiliation, and topic, to better manage public participation. Richens stated this could be easily implemented. Davis invited Chavez to provide the format used in Helper City council meetings, and Richens said he would have a form prepared for the next meeting.

Richens requested final commitments for the March conference. Haycock, Chavez, Jensen, and Thayn confirmed their attendance.

Davis then announced that he had submitted a letter of resignation from the Price River Water Improvement District Board of Trustees effective February 17, 2026 after speaking with Price City Mayor Terry Willis. Davis stated he would continue to fulfill his duties for the next

two weeks. Mayor Willis will contact Richens to provide any necessary information. Davis also stated that he will not be attending the March conference due to this change. He also expressed appreciation for the time he was able to serve, the friendships made, and the joy he found from serving on this board the last eight years and acknowledges everyone here who supported him as he has fulfilled his duties.

With no further business at that point, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Chavez and was seconded by Jensen at 7:59 pm. AYE: Chavez, Haycock, Davis, Jensen and Thayn.

  
Rick Davis, Chairman

  
Kim Wood, Clerk