

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

April 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

Present

Scott Jensen	Jeff Richens
Ed Chavez	Micha Marrelli
Chris Haycock	Kiera Luke
Bryan Thayn	
Terry Willis	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Jensen as he welcomed all in attendance. He noted that all board members were present. He also noted that the meeting would follow the order outlined in the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By invitation from Jensen, 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

Upon review of the minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting by the Board, Chavez moved to approve the minutes as written. Willis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Thayn began by sharing the Fleet Department update. Staff continue routine preventative maintenance on trucks and equipment, including fueling, greasing, and repairs as needed. The Yanmar tractor is currently out of service after being damaged while offloading from a trailer, resulting in driveline damage and a broken input shaft. Parts and repair options are being evaluated. Unit #18 (2006 International Dump Truck) remains out of service as crews rebuild the engine after identifying a failed head gasket on cylinder #1. Parts have been received and reassembly is underway. The Hotsy hot water pressure washer is also out of service due to a failed switch relay. Parts have been ordered through Royce Industries and will be installed upon arrival. Fleet maintenance continues despite project workloads, with ongoing service to trucks and SUVs. At the Service Center, crews completed lawn care including mowing, trimming, and weed control. The R.V. dump station sewer manhole was inspected and cleared of a blockage. Work on the East Maintenance Building is currently paused due to lack of materials. Quotes have been obtained and purchase requests will be presented by Richens later on the agenda.

Chavez related that the Water Treatment Plant is operating 24/7, producing an average of 1.5 million gallons per day, with no water being received from Price City. Staff is awaiting parts to rebuild one of the chlorine ejector blocks. The system remains operational though water is gradually entering the flow tube over time. A new decant pump has been ordered from AB Industrial. Once installed, the existing unit will be retained as a backup. Operators completed routine maintenance by flushing sample lines from the ozone building and sand trap to the lab. Project work has slowed due to continuous shift operations and scheduled employee vacations. The sludge pump at the sludge building is experiencing intermittent shutdowns, requiring manual breaker resets to restart. ECI has been contacted to troubleshoot the issue identifying a possible cause being a failing variable frequency drive (VFD).

Haycock reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant continues participation in the state COVID-19 and measles sampling study. Crews have been working on landscaping and lawn maintenance and spraying weeds around the plant. Operations include pumping from the West Facultative Basin to the East Basin. The Gardner Denver compressor was repaired and serviced by Compressor Pump and Service. Crews installed mixers in the South Digester, and the North Digester east mixer was sent out for repairs. Over the two-week period, staff collected and performed 254 lab tests/samples, primarily for process control and State Discharge Monitoring requirements.

Lastly, Willis shared that Line Maintenance crews completed a main line leak repair on April 9, where Alloyed Solutions welded a coupler. Three leaks were identified during pressure testing and repaired, and water service was restored shortly after 6:00 PM. Air in the system was resolved by flushing hydrants. Jordan and Rick are scheduled for wastewater certification testing on June 5 in Salt Lake City. Staff also assisted John Singleton with restoring signal to the 4-Mile Tank and coordinated a new hire starting on the 27th. Administrative work included budgeting, timecards, purchase orders, meetings, work orders, filing, and ordering parts, along with supporting Chris with meter reading and related duties. The water crew assisted with repressurizing the system, partially rebuilding a fire hydrant (awaiting parts), installed a ¾-inch meter on Lower Miller Creek Road, and performed routine checks and cleanup. The sewer crew assisted with the leak repair, repaired erosion near Zebra Lift Station, cleared trees at Critchlow sewer syphon, and completed inspections. Camera work at Zebra Lift Station will resume once the lift-station pump is reinstalled. The blue stakes crew completed daily and emergency locates, monthly sampling, work orders, assisted other crews, and began inspecting air vacs as time allowed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported ongoing efforts to locate additional water shares and addressed concerns regarding discrepancies in water accounting. He explained that monthly reports comparing water treated at the Water Treatment Plant with reservoir usage indicated that, over the past two years, the River Commissioner has charged more water against PRWID's reservoir shares than was actually treated. Richens has been in communication with the River Commissioner and Dave Horsley to identify the source of these discrepancies and plans to follow up for additional clarification. He emphasized the importance of ensuring accurate accounting moving forward.

Richens also reminded the Board that the District is required to update its Water Conservation Plan every five years. This update includes system goals, number of connections, and other required metrics. Willis inquired about Carbon County's reduction targets. Richens

asked board members to review the plan once distributed via email and encouraged questions prior to formal discussion at the next meeting.

Richens then presented a draft Public Hearing Notice for the meeting scheduled on May 19 and requested board review. He concluded his report by noting there were no additional items outside those already included on the agenda.

APPROVE MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM SURVEY

Richens presented the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Survey, noting that due to its size, it was not included in the board packets. The report includes system performance, financial considerations, emergency response history, and infrastructure conditions, including causes of past system backups such as tree root intrusion. The survey reflects data from the previous year and requires board approval as a formal submission.

After review, Chavez moved to approve the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Survey. Willis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

APPROVE SEVEN EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION OF UTAH WATER CERTIFICATION PREPARATION CLASS

Richens presented a request to approve seven employees to attend an online Water Certification Preparation Course offered by the Rural Water Association of Utah. The course is three days in length, with a cost of \$250 per participant and an additional \$100 workbook fee per participant. Richens noted that this training aligns with ongoing efforts, led by Pat Hanson, to encourage staff certification and professional development. Richens also shared his appreciation to Hanson for his encouragement to his crew to pursue these opportunities.

Willis moved to approve attendance and associated costs for all employees. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT VALVES FOR WWTP

Richens presented the request to replace two valves at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained that multiple bids were obtained and ATSCO was selected as the lowest responsible bidder. He also noted that other vendors source their valves from ATSCO further supporting the recommendation.

Haycock moved to approve the purchase from ATSCO for a total cost of \$3,188. Thayn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

APPROVE EAST MAINTENANCE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PURCHASES

Richens presented several purchase requests related to the continued construction of the East Maintenance Building. He explained that vendor selection was divided among multiple suppliers due to availability and that the majority of prior work focused on concrete, with these purchases completing much of the building's interior.

Jensen expressed concern regarding the time and labor allocated to the project, noting public perception of the building as potentially excessive and questioning whether mechanical staff resources were being diverted from equipment maintenance. Richens responded that all fleet maintenance responsibilities continue to be met and that building work is being completed during slower winter periods and as part of the original project plan. Richens further noted that these purchases would bring the project close to completion and invited board members to tour the

facility following the meeting. After reviewing each item and associated bids, the board approved the following:

- A. Electrical Supplies - Chavez moved to approve the purchase from TR Electric for a total of \$4,884.46. Thayn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.
- B. Lumber for Mezzanine Area - Chavez moved to approve the purchase of lumber for the Mezzanine Area from Central Commission for a total cost of \$5,364.47. Willis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.
- C. PVC Wall Panel - Chavez moved to approve the PVC wall panel from Central Commission for a total cost of \$10,051.27. Thayn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.
- D. Interior Metal Doors - Chavez moved to approve the purchase of the interior metal doors from Home Depot for a total cost of \$2,719.00. Thayn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Haycock expressed appreciation to Pat Hanson for encouraging employee participation in training and certification programs, noting that these efforts will provide long-term benefits to the District.

With no further business at that point, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Haycock which was seconded by Willis at 7:35pm. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.



Scott Jensen, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk