

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
July 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, July 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	Glade Nielson - Sunrise Engineering
Terry Willis	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Jensen. 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

Jensen invited those in attendance to provide public comments. Glade Nielson of Sunrise Engineering reintroduced himself to the Board following the recent Board membership changes and expressed Sunrise Engineering's interest in working with PRWID. Nielson explained that Sunrise Engineering has recently partnered with Jones & DeMille Engineering on several successful projects and believes collaboration between engineering firms can provide valuable benefits when appropriate. At Jensen's request, Nielson highlighted two recent projects, including the Agra Industrial Park master planning effort in Nephi and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District master planning project. He noted that Sunrise Engineering and Jones & DeMille are hopeful to continue collaborating as these projects move into future design phases. Nielson thanked the Board for the opportunity to introduce himself and share the firm's recent experience.

POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with agenda items.

MINUTES

Upon review of the meeting minutes and noting that the date needed to be changed from July 6 to July 7. Willis moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026 meeting with that change. Thayn seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Willis began by sharing that during the past few weeks, the Line Maintenance crew responded to two sewer line blockages, one in South Price near 400 East 800 South and another in Carbonville near the Central Park Trailer Court, restoring normal system operations.

Administrative responsibilities included updating the District's meter pricing list, preparing for the employee summer barbecue, tracking departmental budgets, processing timecards and purchase orders, attending weekly supervisor meetings, managing work orders, and ordering inventory and replacement parts. The water crew used the Vactor truck to clear both sewer line blockages and is currently replacing a leaking meter box in the Center Miller Creek area. Crews have also continued sewer camera inspections and are assisting the gas company in locating sewer lines along Spring Glen Road, although progress has been slowed by mechanical issues with the camera truck that are currently being addressed by the Fleet Department. Routine station checks, work orders, and interdepartmental support continue to ensure reliable operation of the District's water and sewer systems.

Haycock reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Staff have continued collecting samples for the State Covid-19 and measles monitoring program while maintaining daily plant operations. Crews pumped facultative basin water to the evaporation field, continued seasonal weed control, resumed mowing and landscaping, and completed routine plant maintenance through the facility. Staff also repaired the discharge piping for Blowers #1 and #2 in the tunnel, completed the annual fire extinguisher inspection, and successfully passed the required state boiler inspection. The department continues working with Keller Associates to provide operational data for the Everest Group study through ongoing meetings and coordination. During the reporting period, laboratory staff completed 286 tests and samples to support daily process control and State Discharge Monitoring Report requirements. Haycock also shared that operator Riley Christensen has accepted a position with Carbon County, creating a vacancy within the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff.

Chavez shared that the Water Treatment Plant continues to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, producing an average of 3.75 million gallons per day while supplying approximately 300 gallons per minute to Price City. Staff have responded to several power outages during the reporting period, which have disrupted plant operations by shutting down variable frequency drives (VFDs), requiring PLC reboots, and creating additional maintenance challenges. One prolonged outage caused the clarifier rake to stop, requiring additional sludge removal efforts before the equipment could be returned to normal operation. The new decant pump has been received and will be installed in the coming weeks. Staff also completed installation and programming of a new VFD for the East Flash Mixer in coordination with CT Electric and Castle Gate Engineering. Operators continued repairs to the plant's sprinkler system by replacing damaged sprinkler heads. In addition, staff have begun evaluating options for replacing the aging chlorine hoist, with a larger modernization of the chlorine room being considered as part of a future plant upgrade to improve safety and meet current standards.

Lastly, Thayne began by sharing that in the past month the Fleet Department continues to perform preventive maintenance on the District's vehicles and heavy equipment, including routine inspections, fueling, greasing, repairs, and servicing to maintain reliable operations. Significant repairs were completed on the District's Vactor truck after corrosion was discovered on the extendable vacuum tube. The damaged section was repaired and the truck was returned to service, although replacement of the vacuum tube is recommended due to additional internal corrosion. Staff also completed repairs to Unit #21 by replacing the backup camera after diagnosing the issue and completing the necessary recall work. Technicians are currently troubleshooting generator issues on the Camera Truck to restore full functionality. Installation of the Hotsy hot water pressure washer continues, with remaining chimney materials being prepared for Board consideration. Routine grounds maintenance and RV dump station maintenance were also completed at the

Service Center. Work on Utility Room #2 at the East Maintenance Building is approximately 95 percent complete, with gas line installation and final equipment connections remaining before the project is finished.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that the District has received approval of its effluent water right request. This approval allows the effluent water to be used anywhere within the District's boundaries, including for municipal purposes.

Richens provided an update on the Consumers Road/IE project, explaining that the developer submitted a proposed sewer line design that District staff determined was not acceptable. Richens and Bryner redesigned the project to include an elevated crossing of Consumer's Wash, eliminating several excessively deep sections, including a proposed 20-foot manhole. The revised design has been submitted, and the District is awaiting the developer's response.

Richens informed the Board that Scofield Reservoir is currently approximately 12 to 13 feet below the spillway. He also reported that heavy monsoon rainfall above the Water Treatment Plant resulted in significant debris entering the system. Plant operators temporarily shut down operations to perform a cleanout and were able to restore normal operations later that evening.

Richens then discussed two recent sewer line blockages. The blockage at 400 East and 800 South was determined to be caused by tree roots believed to be extending from a homeowner's lateral into the District's main line. While the District can treat roots located within its main line, property owners remain responsible for roots originating from private laterals. A second blockage near the railroad and 1300 North was also caused by tree roots, and staff will treat the area to eliminate the root intrusion.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT OF OPEN POSITION

Richens requested authorization to advertise a vacancy at the Wastewater Treatment Plant following the resignation of Rylie Christensen, who accepted a position with the Carbon County Road Department. He explained that this position is separate from the recently approved Line Maintenance vacancy and requires its own authorization to advertise. Chavez moved to approve the advertisement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant position. Haycock seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

REVIEW PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2026-3 WATER EXACTION REQUIREMENT

Richens presented Proposed Resolution No. 2026-3 for Board review and discussion. He explained that the resolution restates the District's existing policy, calculations, and justification for requiring one water share for each residential connection, as required under recently enacted state legislation. The resolution was presented for discussion only and is expected to return for possible adoption at the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed several provisions of the proposed resolution, including annual reductions in water allocations due to drought conditions and the importance of maintaining adequate water supplies for municipalities. Thayn asked how industrial water users would be accommodated during reduced water years. Richens explained that industrial users would be encouraged to utilize effluent water whenever possible and noted that if sufficient culinary water is unavailable, those limitations would need to be recognized. The discussion also included questions regarding future water demands associated with potential data center development

within the area. Richens encouraged Board members to review the proposed resolution and submit any additional questions prior to the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to enter a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Willis informed the Board that Carbon Canal Company has rejoined discussions regarding the Lower Elevation Reservoir project. She noted that while the project would provide benefits to the overall water system, additional discussions will be necessary to address maintaining adequate flows within the Price River. Willis expressed hope that a solution could be developed to meet both objectives.

With no further business at that point, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Thayn and was seconded by Chavez at 7:47 pm. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.


Scott Jensen, Chairman


Kim Sandoval, Clerk