

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

August 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, August 4, 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 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 previous meeting's minutes, Chavez moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026. Thayn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Haycock began by reporting that the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff continue collecting samples for the State COVID-19 and measles monitoring program while maintaining normal plant operations. Crews completed the annual inspection of the facility's fire extinguishers, continued weed control and landscape maintenance throughout the plant. Staff also began the third-quarter Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing required for regulatory compliance. Operators responded to several power grid fluctuations that required repeated resets of plant equipment to maintain uninterrupted operations. Crews also completed repairs to the blower discharge piping. During the reporting period, laboratory staff collected and analyzed 293 samples to for process control and State Discharge Monitoring Report compliance requirements.

Willis then shared that the Line Maintenance staff worked to resolve water pressure issues affecting Wellington City in the Hillcrest area above that pressure-reducing station during hydrant flushing activities. Administrative responsibilities included budget tracking, processing timecards and purchase orders, attending weekly supervisor meetings, managing work orders, ordering inventory and replacement parts. The water crew coordinated with Carbon County to supply water

for testing the airport fire suppression tank, pumps, sensors, and fire flow systems, while also replacing a leaking meter box in Golding Subdivision and completing routine station inspections and maintenance. The sewer crew assisted Xylem technicians with replacement of a Zebra Lift Station pump, assisted in repairs to leaking meter boxes in Upper Miller Creek and Golding Subdivision, and continued camera inspections, and Vactor operations. Blue Stakes personnel continued daily and emergency locate requests, mapped test stations and associated water lines, collected required monthly samples and residuals, completed work orders, and inspected air vacs as time allowed.

Chavez reported that the Water Treatment Plant is operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, producing an average of 3.0 million gallons per day while supplying 300 gallons per minute to Price City. Following a recent power outage, staff successfully restored normal operation of the clarifier sweep. Crews used fire hoses to remove accumulated material and operated the belt press daily until the system returned to normal operating conditions, with torque levels now below 60 and the clarifier functioning properly. Operators have continued running the belt press whenever possible, while swing shift and weekend crews have focused on routine yard maintenance and equipment lubrication schedules. Staff are also obtaining pricing and availability for a replacement controller for Sludge Pump No. 1, which is currently out of service. The District has also received a nuisance beaver removal permit to address issues at the diversion structure. In addition, a review of the budget shows chemical costs have increased by more than \$107,000 over the past six years.

Lastly, Thayn shared that the Fleet Department continues to perform preventive maintenance and repairs on the District's vehicles and heavy equipment. Repairs are underway on the International 7600 dump truck after a window regulator assembly failed. Staff are also continuing installation of the Hotsy hot water pressure washer. Maintenance work is also in progress on Unit #3 after a radiator failure caused the vehicle to overheat, with replacement cooling system components on order. Technicians continue diagnosing generator issues on the Camera Truck to restore full functionality. Routine grounds maintenance and RV dump station upkeep were completed at the Service Center, while Utility Room #2 at the East Maintenance Building continues to progress with gas line, heating, and electrical installation. In addition, Fleet staff completed the required Utah State Vehicle Safety Inspection recertification process, and all commercial vehicles have been inspected and are awaiting new inspection stickers.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens provided a more detailed update on the District's camera truck, explaining that staff has consulted with the equipment dealer regarding the ongoing generator issues. The generator will be taken to the dealer for estimated repair or replacement costs. A replacement is expected to be between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Richens noted that crews have continued inspecting sewer lines using alternative power supply methods while responding to a recent sewer backup believed to be caused by tree root intrusion.

Richens then reported that Scofield Reservoir is currently approximately 13 feet below the spillway, which is consistent with seasonal expectations. The District currently holds approximately 50 percent of its available water shares remaining in the reservoir, which is typical for this time of year. He noted that August and July are generally the highest demand months with September and June the next highest. He also expressed optimism that the District will conclude the season with approximately 200 to 300 acre-feet of water remaining.

Richens informed the Board that a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) package related to the Consumer's Road I.E. project is expected to be presented in board meeting in October. He also

updated the Board on the newly formed Carbon Water Committee, noting that one meeting has been held to date. Richens reported that the Carbon Canal Company has not yet committed to participate in the discussions nor has Trout Unlimited. Following a suggestion from Chavez regarding contact information for the mayor in Scofield, Richens stated he would continue reaching out to additional entities. He emphasized that the committee's main goal is to promote cooperation and communication among local water entities.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF HOTSY PRESSURE WASHER EXHAUST STACK

The board reviewed the cost evaluation for the Hotsy Pressure Washer exhaust stack. Willis moved to approve the purchase of the Hotsy Pressure Washer Exhaust Stack from woodstovepro.com for a total cost of \$2,318.39. Thayn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-3 RE-STATEMENT OF WATER EXACTION REQUIREMENT AND CALCULATION TO MEET CONDITIONS OF SENATE BILL 284 LOCAL LAND AND WATER USE MODIFICATIONS

Richens presented Resolution No. 2026-3 for adoption, noting that the Board had previously reviewed the resolution and that only one typographical correction had been made since the prior meeting. With no additional questions or comments from the Board, Chavez moved to adopt resolution 2026-3. Willis seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

REVIEW OF 2026 BUDGET 50% FINANCIAL REPORT

Marrelli presented the District's 2026 50% Financial Report and reviewed the financial status of each department. She explained that the administrative equipment budget is currently over budget due to the unexpected requirement to prepay one year of licensing fees, but noted that budget adjustments can be made later in the year. Marrelli also reviewed the Water Plant, Line Maintenance, Fleet, and Wastewater budgets, reporting that overall expenditures remain in good condition. She noted that Line Maintenance continues to manage its budget effectively, while Fleet is only slightly over budget in one category. Elevated equipment costs within the Wastewater Department were attributed to outstanding billings that had not been completed prior to the new budget year. Thayn asked about the reported increased utility costs, and Marrelli explained that rising utility rates have contributed to higher-than-anticipated expenditures and should be considered during preparation of next year's budget. The Board received the report expressing appreciation to Marrelli for her work.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to enter a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Haycock reported that he recently met with Richens regarding updates to the District's website and will continue working with John Singleton on those improvements. Haycock also discussed conversations with Michael Walter of TYR Energies regarding the potential sale or lease of District property. Richens added that in their discussion they concluded that leasing the property may provide a more beneficial option and noted that discussions remain ongoing but will likely

move in that direction. Richens also informed the Board that he would be meeting with the Helper City later in the week to continue discussions on regional water issues.

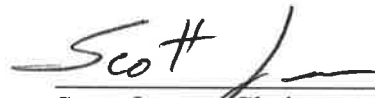
Chavez asked whether there had been any updates regarding a proposed hotel development seeking tax incentives. Richens responded that the taxing entities approved a time extension last November but that current indications suggest the developer may no longer be pursuing the project.

Thayn then asked whether Resolution No. 2026-3 would be required to be posted online to be in line with the new Bill that was passed, and Richens clarified that it was published in accordance with the District's public meeting notice requirements and will be made available to the public upon request.

Willis shared that bids for the upcoming Price City water line replacement project will soon be opened after significant preparation.

Richens concluded by providing an update on the proposed I.E. water and sewer line project, stating that he and Ross Bryner continue working with the project's engineers to reduce the depth of the proposed sewer line to less than 15 feet.

With no further business at that point, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Chavez and was seconded by Haycock at 7:34 pm. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.



Scott Jensen, Chairman



Kim Sandoval, Clerk