

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday July 31, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Chairman Fridal Residence
58 N 570 E, Tremonton UT**

Minutes

Present: Trustees: Roger Fridal, Charles Holmgren, Mark Larson, Richard Day, Russ Howe, Jay Carter, Jeff Scott, Neil Capener

Absent: David Forsgren, Jay Capener, Tyler Vincent

Staff: General Manager Carl Mackley, Systems Operator Robert Thayne, Administrative Assistant Jill Jeppsen

Welcome: Chairman Roger Fridal

Invocation: Jeff Scott

Pledge of Allegiance: (None, due to location)

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: None

Adoption of the Agenda –Chairman Fridal

A motion was made by Board Member Larson to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. Chairman Roger Fridal, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Howe, and Carter, Scott, N. Capener voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held May 22, 2019.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held May 22, 2019 were included with the packet that was provided to the Board Members.

Board Member Larson made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held May 22, 2019. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

Financial Business – Charles Holmgren

The financial statements for June 2019 were prepared and provided to the Board Members. Financial Chairman Holmgren has reviewed the reports and asked for the Board to approve them.

A motion was made by Board Member Larson to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

Project Updates –Robbie Thayne

West Corinne Waterline-the project is complete and we are ready for delivery to West Corinne Water Company. We passed the pressure test and the BacT tests we are now waiting for the operating permit from the State. Our pressure is 110, theirs is 75 so we will be able to deliver to them easily.

The backup generator for Bothwell was delivered today. The transfer switch has been installed for about 2 weeks. The electricians started wiring the generator in this afternoon. There was a discussion about the size of the generator, the time it will run and how it will start up the pumps.

Our new truck was delivered a couple of weeks ago. With the utility bed and crane it is going to be a lot of help. Thank you to the Board Members for approving the purchase.

We are delivering water to South Willard Water Company at about 40 gallons per minute. We understand they want to get that much water all Summer.

We had Sanitary Surveys from the Division of Drinking Water on 4 of our systems last week, South Willard, Riverside/North Garland, Beaver Dam and Harper Ward. Each one passed with no deficiencies.

We have been talking with Keller Associates about our Ferric Chloride treatment in Beaver Dam. They are helping us with the treatment process. We are looking to make it a little more consistent by getting the dosing at a quicker rate by running more pluses and diluting the Ferric Chloride.

We are delivering water to Bothwell at about 75 gallons per minute. Tremonton is getting anywhere between 400 and 600 gallons per minute. As a comparison, last year, Tremonton was getting 900 gallons per minute. The wet Spring has helped.

Trustee Reports

Richard Day–No Report

Charles Holmgren – Two weeks ago there was a Canal Company board meeting, before that there was a meeting by a group of individuals that are promoting Water Banking in the state. They spoke to the Canal Company board and to the pumpers along the river from the Idaho line down. It is a concept about having excess water in a given year and because you want to keep it in beneficial use you can lease it or rent it to different entities, such as the Bird Refuge or a municipality or another farmer. It is in its infancy as to planning of how it will work. The Water Task Force meeting that GM Mackley attended this week also had a presentation on this concept. There was a discussion regarding the administration of the program if it is implemented, and Canal Company's position on the concept. There is legislation in the works which would create a Watershed Council, which could oversee issues such as this. It was pointed out that this is comparable to someone putting money in a savings account at a bank, then the next person comes in and borrows that money to build a home. The money is not being stored it is being used for a purpose, same as the water would be used. There are complications for the Canal Company if they try to store water from one year to the next, only a little over 50% would be allocated to them the next year.

Russ Howe – We had some water testing last month, everything passed. We tested for TDS and it came back at 650 mg/L. The pump was running for 5 minutes when the test was taken.

Jeff Scott – No Report

Jay Carter – Things in Park Valley are still good. It has been a while since there was any rain, but we are still pretty good. There was standing water when we were cutting and bailing hay.

Mark Larson – Ukon is looking good, the wet Spring has held over and our springs are doing better than expected for this time of year. There was a discussion of what is going on in the area when people are filing for water rights for personal wells.

Neil Capener – Reported that his brother was granted a water right for his home based on Riverside is not affecting the area water. There was a discussion about the Capture Maps that the State Engineer uses showing what areas affect the flow of water back to the Malad and Bear Rivers.

Roger Fridal – Tremonton is doing good. We are working hard at developing the secondary water system. People are complaining about their water being metered and having to pay per 1000 gallons used.

General Manager's Report – Carl Mackley

We are looking for feedback from the Board on a report we are putting together regarding development in South Willard. The map provided to Board Members shows an area (in blue) that is intended to be developed and is needing a sponsor from an existing Public Water Supplier (PWS) for their developments. Tables accompanying the map show the amount of water rights for each entity (the developers, South Willard Water Company and the District) and the number of homes that can be supported by those rights. The developers have their own water rights; however the Division of Drinking Water does not want them to be their own water company. The developers are looking for a PWS to work with them to construct their water system and then turn the system and the water rights over to manage. That would be either the District or South Willard Water Company (SWWC). In the past SWWC has not wanted to work with the developers, but now they are showing some interest. SWWC's service area is immediately to the south of the proposed development. There was a discussion about the District supporting these developments and where the water rights owned by the developers are located. We have done some preliminary work with these developers, but SWWC is trying to decide if they want to come on board and work with them, or not. It has already been stated that any development in the area would have to bring in secondary water. We will discuss our report findings with SWWC and wait to see what the hydrogeological report that the developers are having prepared says. GM Mackley recommended we table the issue until we have more information from the developers and SWWC, then we can discuss further what our role will be.

GM Mackley continued his report by showing a graph of the TDS testing that was done on well #4 in July. It shows that when the well is first started it is pulling a higher amount of the TDS then it

begins to drop quickly then levels off after a few hours of running. We will continue to monitor this well and others in the area.

A motion was made by Board Member Larson to Adopt the Rule and Regulation for Personal Use of Public Property as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to accept the Certified Tax Rate for 2019 of .000255 resulting in \$1,176,298 of revenue. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Board Member N. Capener to end the probation period and keep General Manager Carl Mackley as the General Manager for the District. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment – No comments

A motion was made by Board Member Howe to adjourn the meeting. All Board Members voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.