

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday January 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.
102 W Forest Street
Brigham City, UT 84302**

Minutes

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

Absent:

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

Welcome: Chairman Roger Fridal

Invocation: Jeff Scott

Pledge of Allegiance: Roger Fridal

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: None

Adoption of the Agenda –Chairman Fridal

A motion was made by Financial Chairman Holmgren to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Forsgren. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

Oath of Office – Marla Young, Box Elder County Clerk, gave the oath of office to the newly reappointed board members: Roger Fridal, David Forsgren, Charles Holmgren

CRPA Presentation – Stuart Clason of the Utah Association of Counties gave a presentation to the board members regarding a proposed Community Reinvestment Project Area (CRPA) in Box Elder County. The developers want to construct two solar farms. The numbers for the District's portion of the tax increments requested for the CRPA were presented. There was discussion about the project and the power produced. Mr. Clason will supply the District with an Interlocal Agreement that allows transfer of the future growth to be given to the County, then the County enters into a Reimbursement Agreement with the developer. The Agreement will be reviewed by our legal counsel, after which the Board will be given the opportunity to accept or reject the agreement.

Water Revenue Bond Public Hearing – Chairman Roger Fridal

The Water Revenue Bond is for a maximum of \$100,000 of which \$50,000 shall be bond proceeds at zero (0) percent interest and \$50,000 shall be proceeds of a grant of the State Drinking Water Board. Repayment of the bond will be made January 1st of each year, beginning 2021 through 2040 in

alternating amounts of \$3,000 and \$2,000. This is a revenue bond and no taxes are being increased to repay the loan amount.

Vice Chairman Forsgren made a motion to open the public hearing to have input from the Public concerning the Water Revenue Bond. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Paul Roberts of Brigham City asked for more information on the project. General Manager Mackley explained this project seeks to develop our own source of water for the Collinston system. We currently purchase from Deweyville Town under an agreement for the next 7 years, during which time we are actively seeking to develop our own source. We have approved water rights in the area. The well location is in Deweyville on the bench of the mountains. Our Collinston service area was described.

Board Member Vincent made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Financial Chairman Holmgren to approve the Final Bond Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jay Carter. The vote is as follows: Dave Forsgren, Aye; Charles Holmgren, Aye; Jay Capener, Aye; Mark Larson, Aye; Neil Capener, Aye; Richard Day Aye; Russ Howe, Aye; Jay Carter, Aye; Jeff Scott, Aye; Roger Fridal, Aye.

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held December 11, 2019.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held December 11, 2019 were included with the packet that was provided to the Board Members.

Financial Chairman Holmgren made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held December 11, 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 December 2019 were prepared and provided to the Board Members. Financial Chairman Holmgren has reviewed the reports. He asked for the Board to approve the financial reports.

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

Approval of Standard Mileage of \$.575 and Meal Per Diem Rates of \$10.00 breakfast, \$14.00 lunch, \$20.00 dinner

A motion was made by Board Member Larson to approve the Standard Mileage Rate and the State Meal Per Diem rates as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member N. Capener. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

Review of Open Account List

The list of open accounts for the District were provided to the board members. Financial Chairman Holmgren has reviewed the open accounts and considers all to be in order. He asked the board members to approve the list.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forsgren to accept the open account list presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Larson. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Trustee Reports

Jeff Scott – Reported the snowpack is 116% for the Bear River Basin, as of 6PM today. The Raft River Basin is 113%.

Jay Carter – Park Valley received a lot of early snow, but not much since. There are some good-sized drifts. The fields are almost bare where the wind blows it off. Not as good as last year, but it has been a good year so far. Hoping to see more snow in February.

Russ Howe – No report

Richard Day – Reported that the mountains behind Pineview still have about 5 feet of snow.

Neil Capener – No report

Mark Larson – No report

Tyler Vincent – Reported the snowpack levels are good for Brigham City. The City had the water line in Mantua re-routed to go around the reservoir instead of going underneath; it is now functional. In so doing the contractors reinstalled the parking signs incorrectly, causing some confusion to visitors. These have now been fixed.

Jay Capener – No report

Charles Holmgren – Next Wednesday in Logan, there will be a Lower Bear Distribution meeting at 10:00 AM at the Cache County Courthouse. They will review last year's water use and elect new members.

While reviewing the minutes from our board meeting last month, it was noted that we talked about merit increases for the employees and did not include the General Manager. Mr. Holmgren thinks that the General Manager warrants the same 3% merit increase offered to the other employees. The item will be added next month's agenda so the board can act on this item.

David Forsgren – No report

Roger Fridal – Life is good in Tremonton. It's a great area that we live in.

General Manager's Report – Carl Mackley

General Manger Mackley turned the time over to Robbie Thayne to give an update on projects.

We have received our GIS grant to locate our system components. We have new instruments that, using satellite, can locate equipment as close as one foot. The equipment was furnished as part of the grant and we still have more equipment coming. As part of the grant we must find and mark gas lines near our systems. It has been fun learning how to use it and it has been good to locate everything. We are almost finished locating in South Willard.

We have a new snowplow to be able to gain access to some of our tanks.

The office fence has been completed.

There is a gas line going through South Willard. They are up next to Parsons gravel pit. They will cross our waterline at some point.

We treated the South Willard well with Bicarb for the iron bacteria. It did not work as well as we wanted it to. The company that produces it is not stable, so we are looking for something else to treat the bacteria. Bill Bigelow has some ideas on new chemical to try. It currently needs to be treated every 6 months to treat the iron bacteria. If we had more use on the system it would not be as big as an issue.

We installed a new ferric chloride pump in Beaver Dam, and it seems to be working well. We would still like to see the arsenic level lowered a little more. Instead of dosing every 30 seconds, the new pump doses once per second with a lower dose. This dispenses the ferric chloride more evenly into the flow.

We had an open tank alarm over the weekend, it turned out to be an anomaly in the SCADA system. There were no tracks leading up to the tank and the hatch was still locked. It is a felony to break into a water system.

General Manager Mackley expressed appreciation for Robbie and the operators and all the work they do to keep water flowing.

We renewed our agreement with Deweyville Town that will increase the amount of water that they will provide to the District. As a result of that we will provide an additional 50-acre feet per year to Ukon Water Company and we will be issuing 50 additional connections for residence. Two of those connections were sold today.

For this agreement, we have two change applications which have been filed on a segregated portion of the District's water rights in the area. One is a temporary change application; this does not have to be advertised and has already been approved by the State Engineer. The second one is called a permanent change application, there is no time frame related to it and can be withdrawn. Our agreement with Deweyville states that we will withdraw it at the end of the term of the seven-year agreement. The second application was advertised in the Leader today and can be protested. These applications include all of Deweyville Towns points of diversion, which is different than the previous change applications. This allows us to also use the overage from their springs. They had over 120 acre-feet go to waste from

the springs last year because they could not use it in their system. With the increase in demand that we are anticipating, we will be able to use more spring water with less waste.

Bear River Development discussion: General Manager Mackley previously asked the Board Members to review the Executive Summary. The question was asked about the amount stated of ~\$22 million per year for 50 years to be repaid by the District. GM Mackley answered by saying in the Bear River Development Act of 1991, this project is really the Division of Water Resources project, it is not the District's project. It is their prerogative to develop it how they will. The question was asked about how the allocation between the 4 districts is distributed, and how soon would we have to be looking at how to repay our portion of the allocation. GM Mackley answered: The Act identifies limits on the amounts of water available to any entity. It identifies 60,000 acre-feet each to the two Districts who have an allocation within the Bear River Drainage and 50,000 acre-feet to Weber Basin and Jordan Valley Districts. It was noted that the Act states that an entity may lease water on a temporary basis if it is available and no other entity has need of it. We need to start looking at the finance side of the project now; 25 years from now will be too late. There was a discussion about phasing in the project by building a smaller reservoir to begin with and a larger one when the need is there. Water Resources gave a recent presentation on how this project has been pushed out over the years because the need been delayed due to conservation. It was noted that the project would need to be started at least 10 years before the water is needed in order for it to be available. The driver for this project is 'need' and the entity with the greatest immediate need will be Jordan Valley Conservancy District. They will logically have the easiest time paying for it. The director of Water Resources has said this project will definitely be needed in the next 30 years, even with conservation. There was a discussion regarding sizes and sites of the reservoirs as part of the project. The discussion continued with recent comments made by the County Commissioners regarding the route of the pipeline. Board Member (Commissioner) Scott gave some answers to the questions. General Manager Mackley concluded the discussion by talking about the Master Plan of the District and how it talks about the build-out projections for Box Elder County. We know that growth is here and will continue. Build-out projections in our Master Plan show the need for 60,000 acre-feet and more of water, as identified in the Bear River Development Report. It was also noted that this accounts for the conversion of approximately 66,000 acres of lands irrigated by Bear River Canal Company to pressurized irrigation for the community. We need to keep having these conversations for the future.

Chairman Fridal added we have to look to the future. We are getting by today just fine; we are here to look to the future.

A motion was made by Board Member Day to open a closed session. 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 return to an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Larson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. All Board Members voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.