

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday April 24, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Bear River Water Conservancy District Conference Room
102 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah**

Minutes

Present: Trustees: David Forsgren, Charles Holmgren, Mark Larson, Jay Carter, Jeff Scott, Richard Day, Russ Howe, Jay Capener

Absent: Roger Fridal, Tyler Vincent, Neil Capener

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

Welcome: Vice Chairman David Forsgren

Invocation: Carl Mackley

Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Forsgren

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: None

Adoption of the Agenda – Vice Chairman Forsgren

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held March 27, 2019.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held March 27, 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 March 27, 2019. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

Financial Business – Charles Holmgren

The financial statements for March 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 Carter to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Larson. All Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

Project Updates – Bill Bigelow

Bill Bigelow gave a Power Point presentation on the Deweyville well site to the Board Members. He included a map of the proposed location, maps of other wells in the area and the anticipated effect (or non-effect) that our well would have. He also included a map with the proposed pipeline route to connect this well to our existing Collinston system.

Robbie Thayne – The goats have been moved from their winter home so they can start doing their job of eating weeds.

We have been doing Beaver Dam arsenic testing at the springs, the springs come in under the State standard. We are going to recharge the large filter in the pump house.

There are new missionaries at Early Park, we will be showing them how the water works at the park. We will let them have water from the Sleepy Hollow spring when we don't need it and we will use the water from the lower springs.

Bothwell Generator Project, we are well on track; the generator has been ordered and should be delivered in August. The transfer switch should be delivered in June. The county inspector has been out to look over the project. The cement pad has been engineered; the concrete will be 8" thick. There was a discussion on the operation of the generator.

West Corinne Water Company Pipeline; the canal crossing and road crossing have been completed. They had to move the crossing about 14' east due to other utilities in the area, this was within the easement that we originally requested. We ran into a gas pipeline this week that is the same depth as our pipe. The gas company has made a loop in their pipe so we can take ours underneath it. There was a short discussion regarding a culvert in the canal that was uncovered and crumbled in places due to age. We repaired it with concrete.

Ormond construction is going to do the work for the connection abandonment for the Stake Center in South Willard. They are working on the UDOT permits.

We will be installing a new hydrant and 3 residential connections in Collinston.

We need to follow up on the status of our new truck.

Trustee Reports

Charles Holmgren – Carl and I went to the Bear River Commission meeting last week. There is a tentative plan to tour the lower division in Idaho this summer in July or August. Last year there were a lot of people that participated because we did not reserve a bus. The bus is a time saver but limits the number that can attend.

Today I attended a meeting with officials from ID, UT, Wy, Pacific Corp and Bear Lake Watch to talk about raising the levels in Bear Lake by 400,000 acre-feet. It was a preliminary meeting until they get their model set up. They have a contractor that is going to do a model run on the Bear River. They are using the technical advisory committees from the 3 states and Pacific Corp for the discussion. The Utah Water Users group may also have someone sit in on the meetings.

Jay Capener – The canal slide in the canyon on the Hammond side of about 10,000 yards of dirt. It has been taken care of and we are ready to go for the season. We are still working on the liner in portions of the canal. Water will be added to the canal around the 15th of May.

Mark Larson – No report

Richard Day– Pineview water has been turned on. Gary Coleman from Coleman Trailer Park has passed away. From conversations he has had they may be contacting BRWCD to supply water. It was noted that we have an existing connection to the park, it was put in place as an emergency backup supply.

Russ Howe – Thatcher has been upgrading parts on their system from brass to stainless. They are also installing a new chlorinator and valves and will need to use BRWCD water for a few days in May during the installation.

Jay Carter – Has a 15” concrete water pipe on his property that is leaking. He asked the Board Members if they knew the best way to repair it. There was some discussion regarding methods of repair and Mr. Carter stated that the water is stock water, so repairs will have to be completed quickly. There is still a lot of good snow in the mountains and they have had a lot of rain the past few weeks.

Jeff Scott – Reported on some of the events taking place for the 150-year anniversary of the Golden Spike. The County is having a celebration parade on Saturday May 4th on Main Street in Brigham City beginning at 1:47 PM. The Parade is from 3rd North to 4th South. There will also be a Hoe Down at County Fairgrounds beginning at 7:00 PM that evening. There will be a theater production on May 8th from the Old Barn Theater Company. All of the County sponsored events are free to the public. The events on May 10th may be telecast to the fairgrounds.

Dave Forsgren– No report

General Manager’s Report – Carl Mackley

We have hired an Intern, Matthew Meier will be starting May 13, 2019. He will be helping to get our Asset Management system in place. He should be with us through the Fall, he graduates with his master’s degree in December.

We have applied for a \$100,000 Grant for the asset management system. With the grant we will be able to have the software and equipment paid for and have training on the system. The grant money should be paid in August.

We have been speaking with Bothwell Water about the requests we have had to connect people to our system along the 1-mile water line extension being installed to connect to West Corrine Water Company. We received a copy of the letters they have sent to the residents in their service area and they are making changes in their policy to add a certain number of connections to their lines each year.

Our 5 Water Right applications from last year have been re-protested, which is very rare. Our Attorney is preparing a response.

Public Comment – No comments

Closed Meeting – To discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real property.

A motion was made by Board Member Larson to close the general session and enter a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real property. The motion was seconded by Board Member Howe. A roll call vote was taken, and all Board Members voted in favor.

A motion to end the closed session and return to the general session was made by Board Member Howe. The motion was seconded Board Member Day. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Financial Chairman Holmgren to accept the offer to purchase the Cache Valley property as discussed in the closed session, to include the shares of Logan Cow Pasture Water and exclude any other water, or water rights. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. Vice Chairman Forsgren, Board Members J. Capener, Larson, Howe and Carter voted in favor of the motion. Board Member Scott abstained from the vote.

Board Member Larson made a motion to table a vote regarding a settlement amount of the pending litigation until the next board meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.