

**Bear River Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 22, 2016 7:00 p.m.  
Bear River Water Conservancy District Conference Room  
102 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Trustees: Chairman Clinton Burt, Vice Chairman David Forsgren, Tyler Vincent, Roger Fridal, Neil Capener, Richard Day, Russell Howe, Jay Carter and Jeff Scott

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen, System Operators Robert Phippen and Robert Thayne and Administrative Assistant Cassee Harper

Visitors: Bill Bigelow, Hansen Allen and Luce

Excused: Financial Chairman Charles Holmgren

**Invocation:** Vice Chairman Forsgren

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Chairman Burt

**Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Burt**

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

**Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held May 25, 2016.**

The minutes of the Board Meeting held May 25, 2016 were included with the packet that was provided to the Board Members.

A motion was made by Board Member Fridal to approve the minutes as written for the meeting held May 25, 2016. The motion was seconded by Board Member Capener. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Vincent, Fridal, Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Hearing –**

A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE WATER REVENUE BOND FOR THE 2015 MASTER PLAN PROJECT.

**Opening of Public Hearing**

Chairman Burt called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forsgren to open the public hearing to receive input on the issuance of the water revenue bond for the 2015 Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Vincent, Fridal, Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Comments:**

No public comment

**Closing of Public Comment**

A motion was made by Board Member Day to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Vincent, Fridal, Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

**2015 Master Plan Project Final Bond Resolution**

General Manager Jorgensen went over the Final Bond Resolution and stated that the bond resolution has been widened to include the District's Service Area rather than the District's water system.

Consideration of the adoption of the Final Bond Resolution and related matters.

RESOLUTION 02–2016

ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND CONFIRMING THE SALE OF A WATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2016, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$100,000 AND RELATED MATTERS.

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to approve the Adoption of Resolution 02–2016 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Vincent, Fridal, Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Burt asked General Manager Jorgensen what other topics they have been discussing in the interviews with the public water suppliers in the county. She said they have been discussing conservation, the Bear River Development Project, other water systems' supply and demand and water banking to keep water in Box Elder County.

### **Trustees Reports**

**Dave Forsgren** – Honeyville is pumping a lot of water and I hope we continue to have water to pump. We use a lot of water on these hot days.

**Tyler Vincent** – That was quite a hail storm! I went from being only 2 weeks behind at work to being a couple of months behind and have been doing car repairs night and day. Things are going well I Brigham City. I have done three sight visits this week alone with companies who want to come to our town which is a good thing as far as creating jobs. Losing ATK and Lazyboy have been devastating to our county. I think that the District is doing awesome and we appreciate all they do for Brigham City.

**Roger Fridal** – Life is really good in Tremonton. Tremonton missed the hail storm last week. Tremonton is using a lot of District water because our wells and springs are not doing as well as they have in the past. This year there has been significantly more building permits issued than we did all of last year.

**Neil Capener** – Those hail storms are weird. A few years ago there was a mile strip that went right through the valley.

**Richard Day** – South Willard has secondary water. It is up and running and everyone is happy and it only took 10 years to get it here. I think the project came in under budget, I can't confirm it yet, but it looks good.

**Russ Howe** – Thatcher–Penrose has turned on our #1 well that has been sitting dormant for 12 years. We had it tested by the board of health and it is good. The other well is doing great but everyone is using water really heavy so we felt like we needed to start that well back up again. We got turned down on the grant to repair our waterline so we are looking somewhere else for funds.

**Jay Carter** – Park Valley has had some good rain and is looking better than it ever has. We have some cheat grass that has grown pretty high, I hope we don't have any fires.

**Jeff Scott** – We had a meeting with transportation and the manager of Willard Bay State Park was there. The State was potentially looking at using Willard Bay as storage for the Bear River Development but federal and state projects don't work well together.

**Clint Burt** – during that hail storm we got a lot of rain but no hail.

## **General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen**

General Manager's report was handed out at the meeting.

**South Willard** – Robbie and I have discussed how we operate the South Willard System with Bill Bigelow and Gordon Jones of Hansen, Allen & Luce, and how we can use less power. We will change our schedule to fill our tank at night but we need to know the consequences if we absolutely need to fill the tank during the day. Gordon Jones will be giving us some cost savings estimates.

**Master Plan** – we have spent a lot of time interviewing the public water suppliers and representatives from cities and private water companies. They have been asked what their perception of the District is, most don't know a lot about the District and haven't had much to do with the District but have heard positive things. The input and ideas we are getting are good. They are willing to share their supply and demand information with us and we feel like these interviews are worth our time and effort. We have five more systems to interview and have had some ask to come back and visit some more. All of them said they would be willing to help us continue on with the project and will participate in the Master Plan as the process continues.

**Bonding** – we have to wait 30 days from the date of the final notice and then we can set a date to have a meeting to close on the bond.

**New Restrooms** – Our new restrooms are finished. The cost came in at around \$19,000. We had budgeted for \$25,000 so we did really well.

**Cache Valley Property** – there shouldn't be any harm to our filings in Cache County by selling the property. We have a substantial investment in the two test wells so we need to decide if we want to keep the wells or to retain access easements around the wells and an access easement to the road. We also need to look at the guidelines for running water down the Little Bear River. We can list the property when we have all the information on what to do with the wells and water. The wells have not been test pumped but they are artesian right now and the flow is 50-60 gallons per minute.

**Certified Tax Rate** – When I filled out the tax rate summary I put in 0.0003 and it was not accepted by the tax commission because that amount would give us more money than we had advertised in the agenda and in our resolution so our tax rate has been brought down to 0.000290. It has to do with a timing issue of when we went through the Truth In Taxation process and with the valuation of the county.

**Reeder Ranch RDA** – Chairman Burt and I had a meeting with Paul Larson and Jason Roberts regarding an RDA that Brigham City is requesting on the Reeder Ranch property. They are requesting a tax increment for 20 years at 95% for Project Straw and other development that would come afterward to the 350 acres would be 95% to RDA at a maximum of 12 years. A company (Project Straw) is interested in 35 acres. They will be coming in within the next year and the remaining 315 acres will be for mixed used. Project Straw is the seed project to get things going and all others will be capped at 12 years.

**ADU Information** – Scott Lyons has talked with Robert Weyland from Rocky Mountain Power and they have no issue with one meter for ADU's. Most people ask for one service meter anyway. Scott Lyons has a phone call into Questar but he has not received any response.

**Financial Business – General Manager Jorgensen  
Approval of Financial Statements**

The financial statements for May 2016 were prepared and provided to the Board Members. General Manager Jorgensen asked for the Board to review the financial statements and approve them.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forsgren to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Vincent, Fridal, Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Scott. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Vincent, Fridal, Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.