

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Chairman Clint Burt's Residence
5840 North 3600 West, Brigham City, Utah 84302**

Minutes

Present: Trustees: Chairman Clinton Burt, Brent Baugh, Richard Day, Dave Forsgren, Reese Jensen, Commissioner Brian Shaffer, Brent Rose and Charles Holmgren.

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen, System Operator Robert Phippen and Administrative Assistant Judy Hartvigsen

Visitors: Bill Bigelow (Hansen, Allen & Luce)

Excused: Vice Chairman Ross Rudd, Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson and Stan Stokes

Invocation: Board Member Reese Jensen

Adoption of the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Brent Baugh to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes for the meeting held June 24, 2009

A copy of the draft minutes was included with the packet mailed to the Board Members. There were no changes to the minutes.

Commissioner Brian Shaffer moved to approve the minutes of June 24, 2009 as written. Board Member Charles Holmgren seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

General Manager Voneene Jorgensen gave a report on recent health issues with Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Member Stan Stokes. They are improving and should be back with us soon.

Board Member Reports – Trustees

Charles Holmgren: reported things are good with the Canal Company. They have concerns with the canal failure recently in Logan City and are wondering about oversight by the State becoming a burden. The Canal Company is well aware of canal conditions and they carry a lot of liability insurance. It seems the press is making it a big issue. Board Member Jensen asked about the location of canals above homes. The Canal Company has areas in Honeyville, Deweyville and Thatcher where this is the case. Board Member Holmgren reported on the website: www.bearriverbasin.org. It is now updated and you can see the data on Bear Lake and the Bear River with a 24 – 48 hour delay. Bear Lake is now dropping 5/100 feet per day. His brother, Spencer Holmgren is on the West Corinne Water Company Board. He reported West Corinne has awarded bids on their water projects. There is a proposed well, reservoir and pipeline. They have received a 3 to 4 million dollar loan from a federal agency. Fox Construction got the job for the reservoir. Rupp Trucking got the job for the pipeline. The well will be drilled by the Munds.

Reese Jensen: No report

Brent Baugh: No report

Dave Forsgren: reported they will be opening the bids for the Honeyville water project tomorrow and he is excited to get started.

Richard Day: reported he got a call yesterday from Bob Favero of the LDS Church building department. The church is concerned about having plans recorded at the county and they need a final letter for servicing of water for the church. The District can service them with water with the letter. Board Member Day was concerned with having everything set up with the County and then having to transfer everything from South Willard Water Company to the District. General Manager Jorgensen stated she would call Mr. Favero in the morning and take care of this matter. Board Member Day stated the church wants to get that building in South Willard finalized.

Brent Rose: No report

Brian Shaffer: reported on the FEMA sponsored training he attended for Box Elder County. The training included a full blown scenario with respective positions of actions to be taken during an earthquake or other natural disaster. He learned what he would need to do as a commissioner to declare a disaster area and be eligible for federal funds. The federal government will pay up to 85% of disaster clean up if the actions are properly taken. Commissioner Shaffer indicated that there will never be enough people to help in a natural disaster and he told the Board Members they may be on the front line if this type of public body is called upon for help. The training was certainly an eye opener for him. Right now the County Commission is concentrating on the upcoming fair. Board Member Rose mentioned he was pleased with the line on the new fence ordinance that was passed by the Commission.

Commissioner Shaffer then addressed a question regarding the Ruby Pipeline that was brought up at the last meeting. Board Member Rose had asked about the damage to county roads by the construction of the pipeline. Commissioner Shaffer stated the County has an agreement already in place requiring them to build and repair all of the access roads and areas they use during construction of the pipeline. The roads should be in better condition after construction than they are now. There was a meeting last Monday night with the Ruby Pipeline officials and they were very willing to answer any concerns residents of the county may have.

Clint Burt: No report

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen South Willard Update

General Manager Jorgensen gave Bill Bigelow recognition to report on the South Willard project. Mr. Bigelow stated there is no water yet. The pump station is further behind schedule than the reservoir or pipeline. He is currently dealing with Rocky Mountain Power regarding the power line to the pump station. Rocky Mountain Power required a boring under the canal to supply the power underground. The boring failed because of the extreme rockiness of the area. He is meeting with them to propose an alternate design. He would like to be able to run the wire overhead. He does not want to try boring again and this is holding up progress. There is just one other issue to be resolved. The District may have to move the easements. Mr. Bigelow is currently working on this issue. Otherwise, he is very pleased with the project and it is going along nicely. The reservoir is done and only waiting for water. There have been a few concerns with the asphalt patching on Randy Marriott's ground. We agreed to replace any damaged asphalt and bring it back to its previous condition. We did not agree to make the road better.

Mr. Bigelow explained the reservoir was done very fast and completed in five months. The cement was all done in three pours basically because Build Inc. has enough forms to do the walls all at once and there was an adequate supply of cement.

General Manager Jorgensen reported on her attendance at a training regarding the "Ground Water Rule" in Woods Cross yesterday. She explained the importance of keeping a perfect record with no positive coliform readings so we don't have to worry about this rule. If we get a reading of coliform present, there will be an extensive procedure to follow to comply with the rule. She explained some of the costs and results associated with the federal rule administered by the EPA. The Bear River Health Department in Logan takes all of our water samples and does the testing. She stressed the importance of making sure they are careful when taking a sample, testing and reporting. She explained some of the testing requirements. There is a very complicated procedure to follow if we ever get a bad test. She explained the health department has been really good in the past and we have never had a positive sample. We must be careful and protect our sources.

Tax Rate Summary

General Manager Jorgensen reported she has received the Tax Rate Summary to be adopted for the coming year. The tax rate will be 0.000192 and will have the effect of providing

\$519,562.00 in revenue. The tax rate last year was 0.000188 providing a total of \$496,047.00 in revenue.

Commissioner Brian Shaffer explained the County plans to go through “Truth in Taxation” so that the certified tax rate will be less than the budget indicated. He explained the County is collecting more tax than it takes to pay their bond off. In essence, the County will be charging the citizens less tax than last year.

A motion was made by Board Member Dave Forsgren to adopt the proposed certified tax rate of 0.000192 for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day. The motion was unanimously approved.

General Manager Jorgensen then reported on a meeting with Ukon Water Company and others. They were very supportive of the idea to apply for stimulus money to fund the Collinston project. Hopefully, the District will also be able to help Ukon with their arsenic problem. The application will be sent in for the funding. General Manager Jorgensen stated it is important to get a good source of water up in that area.

General Manager Jorgensen then explained there were notifications of conferences in the packet for the Northern Conference of the Rural Water Association of Utah and the annual convention for the Utah Association of Special Districts. She asked Board Members to let her know if any would like to attend so arrangements can be made. Both conferences are being held at the Davis Convention Center.

She reported the District will again have a booth at the County Fair and provide bottles of cold water to fair goers.

She will be attending a meeting regarding the Washakie pipeline study some time in August but has not heard of the exact date. The study will be extended north from the original starting place but she has not heard anything from the State since that decision was made.

Financial Business – La Rall Thompson

Financial Chairman Thompson was excused from the meeting. Chairman Clint Burt took over the approval of the financial statement. The financial reports were included with the packet mailed out to the Board Members. General Manager Jorgensen explained she was concerned about the amount of property taxes that had been collected during the earlier part of the year but now it is only \$34,000 less than we received at this time last year. She feels we will be all right.

Board Member Dave Forsgren moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Reese Jensen and all voted in favor.

Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt

There was no unfinished business discussed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Board Member Charles Holmgren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Reese Jensen. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.