

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Bear River Water Conservancy District Conference Room
102 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah 84302**

Minutes

Present: Trustees: Chairman Clinton Burt, Vice Chairman Ross Rudd, Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson, Commissioner Brian Shaffer, Charles Holmgren, Brent Baugh, Richard Day, Dave Forsgren, Reese Jensen, and Stan Stokes

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

Visitors: Bill Bigelow (Hansen, Allen & Luce) LuAnn Adams (Box Elder County Recorder)

Excused: Brent Rose

Invocation: Board Member Stan Stokes

Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Burt asked the Board for any agenda changes. The only change was the addition of the name of Brian Shaffer to those being sworn in.

A motion was made by Board Member Charles Holmgren to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd and approved unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes for the meeting held Wednesday, December 17, 2008

There were no changes to the minutes. Chairman Burt called for a motion.

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Richard Day seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chairman Burt then recognized County Commissioner Brian Shaffer. A letter was received from Commissioner Jay Hardy and was provided for the Board Members at the meeting in which he resigned as a member of the Board. The County Commission had appointed Brian Shaffer to replace Commissioner Hardy.

Board Member Dave Forsgren moved to accept the resignation of Commissioner Jay Hardy. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Chairman Burt then welcomed Commissioner Shaffer to the Board. Commissioner Shaffer stated it was an honor to be seated with the Board.

Trustees Oaths – LuAnn Adams

**Clinton Burt
Charles Holmgren
Richard Day
Brian Shaffer**

County Recorder, LuAnn Adams gave the oath of office to the Board Members who were recently reappointed: Clinton Burt, Charles Holmgren and Richard Day, as well as the newly appointed Board Member, County Commissioner Brian Shaffer. These Board Members having been sworn in then signed their oath of office statements.

Board Member Reports - Trustees

Charles Holmgren: reported there was not much from the Bear River Canal Company. He will be attending a Bear River Water User's Association meeting with Dan Davidson a week from today in Logan. They will be discussing the issues mentioned before with regard to changing irrigation water to municipal and industrial from Bear Lake Storage. This is to deal with Procter & Gamble and their needs. The Lower Bear River distribution system is having a meeting tomorrow to account water use on the Utah side of the Bear River below Bear Lake. He believes they will reappoint our River Commissioner who is Jim Waterson of Benson.

The Bear River Basin web page flow numbers are not correct because most everything is frozen up on the Bear River. He received a letter from Megan Greathouse of the DMAD Water Company in Millard County. There is a self-appointed group of canal companies that are interested in HB 11, HB 18 and HB 19 in the legislature this year.

He reported the level of Bear Lake at 5909.33 as of the 22nd. There have been reports that the lake is not frozen. He believes the level to be slightly lower than last year.

Board Member Holmgren then reported on water shortages in California and east of Denver.

Richard Day: reported South Willard Water members met with the contractors at the South Willard project. They have a hole in the ground and are progressing.

Brian Shaffer: reported the County is struggling with the White's Valley situation. He requested access to the Source Protection Map of that area for the County Planner. General Manager Jorgensen explained she could provide the map and also the portion of the plan that specifies White's Valley as the recharge area for our water source.

Dave Forsgren: reported Honeyville is proceeding with their water project. The Deweyville project is coming along also. The reservoir has walls poured and 1 ½ miles of pipe has been installed. He explained the location of the pipeline.

Stan Stokes: reported Rich Woodworth has resigned as Tremonton City Manager and will be leaving on February 6th. A new manager will need to be hired. Mr. Woodworth will be working for a consulting firm of which Rocky Mountain Power is the main client.

Reese Jensen: reported he has arranged for Kimberly Giles to come to the February Meeting. She is from the Homeland Security Office in Salt Lake. He told her the reason for her coming would be to give input and counsel as to performing a risk assessment and mitigation to maintain integrity of our municipal water systems. She was told we have a plan in place for review and recommendations for improvement. He will pick up a copy of the existing plan and provide it to her. He then reported the P & G lines are all completed and they are charging the lines. He reported that with the state budget crunch we should consider ourselves fortunate the project was as far along as it was or the funds would have been cut.

Brent Baugh: no report

Ross Rudd: welcomed Commissioner Shaffer to the Board and reported there is not much activity in his area. He reported the news stating the worth of the recent rainfall in this area.

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

General Manager Jorgensen referred to Bill Bigelow to give an update on the South Willard project.

South Willard Project update

Mr. Bigelow reported the pre-construction meetings were held with Counterpoint Construction and Build Inc. The contracts have been signed for the pump station and the Reservoir. We are holding off on pipeline contract in order to finalize the location of the easement. The reservoir contractor expects to have it completed by the end of August. The pump station will be completed by the end of July. Chairman Burt suggested the secondary water pipeline be included when the main pipeline is laid. There was a discussion whether this would be possible. The easement will be for utilities so it should include the secondary water. Board Members concurred that the secondary line should be laid at the same time in the easement. Board Member Richard Day requested that we contact Terel Grimley and the work should be done side by side. The church will want to connect to the secondary water as soon as it is available. There was a discussion regarding the progress of the secondary water system. General Manager Jorgensen explained Pineview is in the process of doing a Master Plan for the system. She will call Mr. Grimley. The current residents of the South Willard area are ready for meetings and information about the system.

There was a discussion regarding the sewer system for the South Willard Service District Area. Commissioner Shaffer stated the County has already signed off on the upsize for the pipeline through Willard City to handle the South Willard Area. The sewer will go north to the Perry/Willard treatment plant.

Bill Bigelow then reported that coordination meetings will be held at the construction site on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. He invited any Board Members to attend the meetings and see the progress of the project. General Manager Jorgensen explained a slide show will be prepared for each board meeting showing pictures of the site and progress of construction.

General Manager Jorgensen then reported on legislative issues for the current 2009 Legislature Session. She was very grateful to have our project funded. She expressed her concerns that the funds that have been built up over the years to use for water projects will be used for something else during the current economic recession. The state has been building the funds to help with small water companies and municipalities over many years. She believes they could take 30 million dollars away from those things. She asked the Board to talk to our representatives about this matter and stressed the importance of not robbing the water resources and drinking water funds that have been built up. The funds have been in place for a long time. Extra sales tax was put in place for specific projects. She showed the Board her book of legislation that has to do with special districts. She will be attending the meetings on Tuesdays for a while and keep informed about the legislative issues. She reported they are going forward with all of the legislation that was worked on by the legislative task force she was involved with.

Commissioner Shaffer reported President Obama is putting money into shovel ready projects. The deadline is March and the County will be submitting some projects for funding. General Manager Jorgensen suggesting applying for funding of our Deweyville project. Commissioner Shaffer stated the County is working through Senator Hatch's office and he will get some information for her. These projects rely on the amount of jobs that will be provided and we should be able to take advantage of these funds.

General Manager Jorgensen then reported on a meeting with Northern Utah Water Users she attended in Logan. They will be holding a conference on March 31, 2009. She is working with Bob Fotheringham to organize the conference and she gave some preliminary topics to be discussed and speakers that will be presenting. She encouraged the Board Members to attend. This conference is for the Northern Utah area to bring information for those not able to attend the St. George conference. She reported that Kent Jones is the new state engineer and will be participating in the conference. He will be talking about water law.

The Board members received the report of Weather Modification in their packet. Vice Chairman Rudd reported on an incident while he was at an Ag Expo and was accused of stealing water from Blackfoot Falls. This was the opinion of those opposed to the cloud seeding project in Northern Utah. General Manager Jorgensen stated she respects the climatologists working with this project. The process is very technical and complex. The actual analysis is that the cost is \$1.02 per acre foot of water received from cloud seeding. She believes we should continue the project as long as we have the support of the State. There was a discussion of the problems previously brought up by Board Member Rose. She would like to be able to help the western part of the County with a means to gather data because there are problems with not having enough data for the area.

General Manager Jorgensen then reported she prepared a temporary lease for the Kunzlers to keep animals on the Cache Valley property until March 1st. They had requested not having to move their animals immediately. She explained we wanted the bulls to be gone before any problems in the Spring. The rent was to be \$450.00. She has never heard from the Kunzlers. While in Logan, she

went to the property and found the animals are now gone. System Operator, Bob Phippen visited the property and confirmed the animals are gone and he replaced the gate that had been knocked down.

Financial Business – LaRall Thompson

The financial statements were provided for the Board Members in the packet that was mailed to them. General Manager Jorgensen stated the statements are unaudited and have not yet been adjusted for the end of 2008. Board Member Holmgren requested information on some of the items on the check register. There was a large amount of expense dealing with the bonding process. General Manager Jorgensen explained these expenses are reimbursable from the bond.

Approval of financial statement

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Reese Jensen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt

There were no items of unfinished business discussed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Dave Forsgren seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.