

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 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, Brent Baugh, Richard Day, Dave Forsgren, Reese Jensen and Brent Rose

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

Visitors: Bill Bigelow (Hansen, Allen & Luce)
Richard Nimori (Mayor of Corinne)

Excused: Charles Holmgren, Brian Shaffer and Stan Stokes

Invocation: Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson

Adoption of the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson. All voted in favor.

Adoption of the Minutes for the meeting held Wednesday, January 28, 2009

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

Board Member Richard Day moved to approve the minutes as written. Vice Chairman Ross Rudd seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

South Willard Project update – Bill Bigelow and Bob Phippen

District Engineer, Bill Bigelow gave short overview of the project. The reservoir contractor is working and three meetings have been held at the site. The area is very rocky but good soil. The pipeline contract cannot be signed because the easement is not settled yet. He gave a brief history of

the easement location concerning requested changes by Randy Marriott and stated we are working on it. As soon as the easement issue is resolved, the contract can be signed. Mr. Bigelow stated the soil is sandy and therefore not a mud problem. The winter weather should not slow us down much.

Systems Operator Bob Phippen presented a slide show of photographs from the construction site. The photographs included the property prior to any development, the drilling of the well with water flowing and current construction of the reservoir and retention basin.

General Manager Voneene Jorgensen stated there are two things to be discussed concerning the project. She explained a proposal from SKM Inc. They will be putting in the control panel for the SCADA and electrical operations of the well and pump station. The proposal includes operator interface and training; construction coordination having to do with the electrical panel and installations of equipment. She needs authorization to sign the contract for \$22,000.00.

Board Member Dave Forsgren moved to authorize the signing of the contract with SKM Inc. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd. All approved the motion.

The second item for discussion from General Manager Jorgensen is a letter received from Hansen Allen & Luce requesting some additional payment for work on the South Willard project during the design phase. They are asking for compensation for a list of additional work that was preformed including: infiltration pond design, changes to design for liquid chlorine instead of gas, design of multiple sizes of reservoirs, redesign of pump house to accommodate a jib crane inside, additional effort on the preliminary design report, additional soil testing, additional electrical design, and extra effort in checking recommendations of Fox Construction during the first bidding process. The total charge is \$34,000. Hansen Allen & Luce will absorb \$7,000 of that and is asking the District for \$27,000. General Manager Jorgensen believes they have done a good job and requested the Board consider payment of \$27,400.00 in project costs that will come out of the funding.

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to authorize the additional payment to Hansen Allen & Luce. Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Board Member Reports - Trustees

Brent Rose: reported they got a little more snow in Park Valley.

Richard Day: reported they are finishing up with the church and have installed hydrants and shut off valves. They put collars on today. They just need the “as built” submitted to complete the project. There were questions from the Board on additional development around the church. Mr. Day explained there will be a school west of the church. (Residential) Development will be to the south. There could be ten homes between the Railroad and the school on the west. General Manager Jorgensen mentioned she was told by the realtor for the School District there will be a few residential homes west of the school.

Dave Forsgren: reported that Honeyville is moving ahead on their water system. He said the Legislature pulled the funding but Gina Hurst got it reinstated for Honeyville. The project should be

out for bid by the first of May. Deweyville has the concrete poured for the tank. They are laying pipe when they can. The system should be on line in six weeks.

Reese Jensen: gave an update on the P & G line. It is totally installed and in the testing phase. The secondary waste water line is also installed. They are getting ready to work on the pump station. He reported there are others looking for property and wanting to tie into the P&G line. He was surprised at the recent amount of interest. He was told P & G already has a second plant on the drawing board. Kimberly Giles of Homeland Security was not able to come tonight. She cannot come to the March Board Meeting either. Wednesday nights are full for her until May. She will be scheduled for the May Board Meeting. Board Member Jensen has given her copies of our current emergency response plans. She will be prepared to give her assessment at that time. General Manager Jorgensen stated there is some updating that needs to be done to the current plans.

Brent Baugh: no report

LaRall Thompson: no report

Ross Rudd: reported a western village development in his area is in the preliminary stages. A legal option has been signed on the property. He will be keeping an eye on this.

Clint Burt: reported he was interested that Honeyville Grain has given up building in Corinne and are doing construction at their old site.

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

General Manager Voneene Jorgensen reported on the weather modification program. She received a call from Don Griffith and he is worried about funding the cloud seeding project next year. Funds are being cut from the Division of Water Resources. She would like to see the program continue but we may not have any participation from the State. The Trustees received the report from North American Weather Consultants in their packet. General Manager Jorgensen stated she checked on the levels of precipitation today and gave the current levels for areas shown on the report. The total has increased by 1%. Board Member Brent Rose reported the cloud seeder in Park Valley is empty. General Manager Jorgensen will contact the responsible party to have it filled.

The Northern Utah Mini Water Conference will be held March 31st. Some of the same subjects will be covered that are presented in St. George.

General Manager Jorgensen reported on the NURLA meeting she attended. She is concerned about the landfill proposal for White's Valley. The Box Elder County Commission was given a letter from NURLA requesting they consider a lease option for the Little Mountain landfill and are giving them 60 days to respond. If the lease option is not available, NURLA wants to talk about White's Valley.

She then reported on a meeting with Richard Day and Terel Grimley of Pineview. Pineview has a master plan for a secondary system in South Willard and funding to do the plan. A meeting has

been set for March 24th for South Willard residents to see a presentation on the South Willard Secondary Water System from Terel Grimley.

The Audit is progressing. Steve Crane is finishing up with the financial reports. The audit report will be presented at the March 25th Board Meeting.

Nate Hammer is working on a new web site for the District. General Manager Jorgensen explained some of the items that will be on the web site.

General Manager Jorgensen reported on the legislative meetings she has been attending. She is impressed with LeGrand Bitter tracking the bills relating to Districts. She has been concerned with Senate Bill 135 that would take away taxing authority from Districts unless they have elected boards. The bill has now been written for service areas and does not affect Districts. She appreciated the mediation the UASD has been able to do on some of these bills making them not so punitive for everyone. Another bill to watch is concerning impact fees. It would extend who we must invite to the table if there is a new impact fee under consideration. However, much of the legislative time has been taken up with the state budgeting. She provided a copy of the bill from Ben Ferry regarding the stream bed trespassing. A list of bills being watched by the UASD was provided for Board Members who are interested. She will provide the Board Members with more detailed information if they would like it. General Manager Jorgensen, Systems Operator Bob Phippen and some of the Board Members will be traveling to St. George next week to attend the Rural Water Association Conference. She and some of the Board Members will also attend the Water Users Workshop the following week.

Financial Business – LaRall Thompson

The financial statements for January were provided for the Board Members in the packet that was mailed to them. Board Members took a few minutes to review the statements

Approval of financial statement

Board Member Dave Forsgren 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

Corinne Mayor, Richard Nimori made comments concerning his recent meeting with the Division of Drinking Water seeking funds for a project in Corinne. He was interested that they first asked if he has contacted Brigham to hook on to their line. He said it seems they want each area to have one system. He wondered if we have heard anything about that. General Manager Jorgensen explained it is called regionalization. She thought in their case, it is basically for a connection for backup. She explained the Division believes there are many unapproved small water companies

that struggle and don't have the revenue for improvements to keep up with regulations. For them, connecting or joining another larger system is more cost effective and beneficial for operations and economy of scale. Box Elder County is not like other places where the small water companies are not approved. The Division likes to see there is a back-up source for emergencies. She explained some of the history of BRWCD helping other water companies and municipalities in providing water to them and offered any assistance he may need.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.