

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 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, 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: Charles Holmgren, Neil Capener

Invocation: Board Member Day

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chairman Burt

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clinton Burt

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held January 27, 2016.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held January 27, 2016 were included with the packet that was provided to the Board Members.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forsgren to approve the minutes for the meeting held January 27, 2016. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Fridal and Vincent voted in favor of the motion.

Project Updates – Rob Thayne

Rob presented a slide show on the South Willard well and the cleaning of the tank.

Trustees Reports

Dave Forsgren – No Report

Tyler Vincent – All of Brigham’s drainages are looking good. I am a little concerned how fast all the snow is melting and wish we would get some more snow. Brigham City has some new equipment in Mantua and we have done some work up there so I have been watching the spill and drainage off of Mantua Reservoir and that is looking good. I am concerned with some of the bills in the State Legislature. The new restaurant at the Academy Square is supposed to be open on March 2. USU is holding classes in both buildings.

Roger Fridal – No report.

Richard Day – Pineview is moving along with secondary water in South Willard. The main trunk line is just about finished. They are hooking up Pettingill’s and The Farms subdivisions and each of those subdivisions were required to put the infrastructure in when they developed the property.

Russ Howe – I would like to apologize for missing Board Meeting last month. I talked to Craig Hawkes in Howell they have installed 105 Neptune meters and Thatcher/Penrose has installed 251. Bear River City is putting in radio read meters also. The leak detectors on the meters are working and it is going to save us money and it will save the customer money also. We had 35 people with leaks when we started and we are now down to 9 that haven’t fixed all their leaks yet.

Jay Carter – I have to disagree with Tyler, I am glad to see the snow melting. We had really bad fog at our house and it was nice to see that Chinook wind come through and clear everything out. Of course, it melted all the snow as well. But that is good, since we have calves coming.

Jeff Scott – No report

Clint Burt – No report

General Manager’s Report – Voneene Jorgensen

It is fun to see the South Willard Well Project coming together. It has been a long time coming but we are pleased at the way the well is performing and how the sanding problem is

gone. While discussing cleaning out the reservoir we were thinking we would have to take the sand out in buckets and I was very thrilled to see the small amount of sand that was in the bottom of the tank. It only took Bob and Rob an afternoon to clean it out. There was just a small area of course sand but no gravel. The power bill at South Willard has been very high so we are thinking of running the pump every few days for only 3–4 hours during the night to keep the power costs down.

The Collinston System is working as designed and is nice to see it work so well.

We are in the middle of our 2015 Audit and it is progressing along nicely. The auditors will be here again tomorrow and hopefully they will get the information they need to complete our audit report in time for our annual meeting in March.

We had a meeting today with the Langdon Group concerning the Master Plan. It is very exciting talking about the things we are going to do and the meetings we are going to hold. We are waiting for the closing documents from the Division of Drinking Water's attorney.

Charles Holmgren, Bob Fotheringham and I visited with Senator Knudson on the 4th of February. Our main goal was to update him on the progress and the studies of the Bear River Development. He was very welcoming and we had a good visit. We told him about the Bear River Development presentation at the Mayor's meeting last year and the positive feedback. He had memories of how the people were against the Honeyville Dam site. We also got to talk with him about SB80 to give the 1/16th sales tax back to a restricted account for water projects. It is important to have the savings because federal funding for large water projects is drying up and aren't as available as they have been in the past.

HB218 and SB116 are bills that will take a water share and turn it into a water right. There is a lot of opposition on these bills because it would be very detrimental to water companies.

Deidre Henderson's SB99 will require all districts to post board member contact information on the Utah Public Notice Website, such as email, phone number, etc. It will also take the \$1,000,000 and under limit away from those small public entities and require them to post their financial information on the Utah Transparency Website effective May 2016.

You have been given a list of all the bills in the legislature that the UASD is tracking and you can also look them up on the UASD website. Just call me for login information.

You also have a copy of the Weather Modification Report from Wyoming. We received our cloud seeding contract from the State of Utah and we are expecting our reimbursement from the State before too long. There were 5 storms seeded in January and the program will end March 31, 2016.

The Northern Utah Mini Water Conference is on Tuesday, March 29 in Logan. The District has been asked to do a presentation on the Beaver Dam Project. Bill Bigelow and I met with Kelly Hansen today to put together our presentation.

The Rural Water Association of Utah Conference is on Monday, February 29th and the Utah Water Users Workshop is the week of March 14th.

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

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

Closed Session to discuss the sale, lease or purchase of real property

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to go into a closed session to discuss the sale, lease or purchase of real property. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Fridal and Vincent voted in favor of the motion.

A motion resume the regular session was made by Vice Chairman Forsgren. Board Member Vincent seconded the motion. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Fridal and Vincent voted in favor of the motion.

Board Member Day made a motion to get another appraisal on the property in Cache Valley. Vice Chairman Forsgren seconded the motion. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Fridal and Vincent 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 Vincent. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Fridal and Vincent voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.