

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 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, Stan Stokes and Charles Holmgren.

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

Visitors: Bill Bigelow (Hansen, Allen & Luce)

Excused: Commissioner Brian Shaffer and Trustee Brent Rose

Invocation: Board Member Stan Stokes

Adoption of the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Richard Day to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd. All approved the motion.

Adoption of the Minutes for the meeting held Wednesday, March 25, 2009

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

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to approve the minutes as written. Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

South Willard Project update – Bill Bigelow and Bob Phippen

Bill Bigelow of Hansen Allen & Luce presented an update on the South Willard Culinary System project. The reservoir is 60% to 70% completed. The walls are up and they are getting ready to pour the roof deck. The weather has not slowed the progress because it does not get muddy. The pump station is underway with the valve vault poured and the valves are in place. They are getting ready to pour footings and the foundation for the building. The pipeline is going in. The canal boring

is done. They bored through with a 36” casing under the Pineview Canal. It was extremely rocky. They did not auger it through but pounded it through. The boring was done by C. H. Nix Construction. The boring was successful on the first attempt. A boulder was hit just in the right spot and ended up inside the pipe. They had to use a chain to remove the rock but are happy with the result. They started the pipeline a few days ago. Sand is being brought in and used to bed the pipe. The coordination issues between contractors have been going well. They will start digging the boring pit tomorrow for the boring under Highway 89. Rupp hired C.H. Nix Construction to do both borings.

System Operator Bob Phippen then presented a slide show of photographs from the construction site showing the valve vault for the pump station, valves and piping being installed, the box in the overflow pond, reservoir wall pouring, the completed tank walls, inside the tank, the canal boring and pipe laying.

Board Member Reports – Trustees

Charles Holmgren: The Canal Company approached the County Commission about amending the burning ordinance. The change will allow burning for 6 days a week during the Spring to get banks cleaned and ready for water. They are looking at May 4th to bring water in. The project on the central canal is nearly finished. An old wooden flume that was a potential fire hazard has been replaced. They have also worked on the Hammond canal above Collinston. It is about ½ mile above Highway 30. The Canal Company is continuing to work with P & G for water rights and mitigation water to use water from the Bear River. The water will be taken out somewhere between the Jim Bridger Monument and south of Bear River City. They are studying the impacts of this. The Bear River Club and the Bird Refuge are protesting these water rights filings for P & G. He gave a report on the Bear River Commission meeting held last Thursday in Salt Lake City. The Commission has some money left from an EPA grant that will be used to fund their website for water shed information and www.bearriverbasin.org. It is developing into a good website for Bear River information. The Bear River Commission is going to sponsor a one-day outreach tour in June in the upper division in Wyoming and upper Utah. They will be looking at water quality and water gauging. P & G has hired a firm from New Zealand to do seismic studies around the plant and they are looking for geothermal resources. Board Member Jensen asked about the use of the additional water acquired by the water right filings. It will be used for future development and plant expansion as well as back-up to Brigham City water. Potentially, they want to find as much as 24 cfs. It would take out 1800 acres of farmland to accomplish that.

Richard Day: No report

Dave Forsgren: No report

Stan Stokes: No report

Reese Jensen: reported Kimberly Giles from Homeland Security is scheduled for our next meeting for the discussion on vulnerability and the emergency response plan.

Brent Baugh: reported he talked to Curtis Marble of West Corinne Water and they are planning to put a big reservoir in out near Bothwell. He talked to Shane Holmgren. They have finished their well in Honeyville and have really good water.

LaRall Thompson: No report

Ross Rudd: No report

Charles Holmgren: added to his report regarding the Bear Lake Preservation Advisory Committee meeting and stated the irrigators below Bear Lake were assigned 209,000 a/f for this year's allocation of storage water. He feels this is adequate but is actually less than last year. The maximum allocation is 250,000 a/f. Last year they had 210,000 or 215,000 a/f allocation and only used about half of it.

Clint Burt: No report

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

General Manager Jorgensen reported on a meeting with the Bear River group to discuss a new study for the Bear River pipeline project. Bullen & Collins is doing the study. They will be finding three possible alignments for the pipeline from the I-15 crossing to the Slaterville diversion. The study is now beginning and this was the kick-off meeting. They are requesting the District to invite mayors, city leaders and major stake holders in the Bear River Development to a meeting to give them a heads up that this study is being conducted. The District will be holding the meeting during the first or second week in May. They don't want the elected officials to be caught without information in case they get calls about it. This way everyone will hear the same message. It will give them a chance to ask questions and gives the engineering firm and the State an opportunity to make a presentation.

General Manager Jorgensen attended a water policy class at USU today and gave a presentation about the District. The class wanted to know about governments and water management in Box Elder County. Bob Fotheringham also presented and talked about Bear River Development and management of the river.

She was very sorry to hear that the County withdrew from NURLA. She spoke at the second public hearing regarding the issue. Board Member Jensen also spoke at the meeting and gave good comments and counsel to the Commissioners. Board Member Jensen stated he was pleased with people from Brigham City and those who attended. General Manager Jorgensen stated that White's Valley was Cache Valley and Davis County's first priority for a landfill in the beginning. She is moving forward with the plan to reclassify the aquifer in Bothwell. She and Marv Allen had a good meeting with the Division of Water Quality and they were very positive about the application for re-classification of the aquifer to 1-B. She was shown a report already done by the Division that included the water recharge area map. All of White's Valley was designated as the principal

recharge area. The Division of Water Rights has long believed it was the recharge area and they have stopped allowing filings there. Marv Allen will be putting a report together of the geology and other needed information and we will get the application filled out. We will hold a public hearing and go before the Water Quality Board. The re-classification would prevent anyone from building a landfill in White's Valley but there is still a provision that a waiver can be obtained by following more stringent regulations. We will try to protect our aquifer the best we can. She appreciated the support of the Board for this re-classification procedure.

General Manager Jorgensen then reported on the Weather Modification program. The water year precipitation rounded out to 100% of normal. We should be getting the final cost figures in the next couple of weeks. Six storms were seeded in the last month and we received a lot of precipitation from them. Board Member Charles Holmgren reported on a study done in Wyoming to determine the value of cloud seeding. The preliminary evidence shows it is effective and worthwhile financially for the State of Wyoming.

We received a letter from the state auditor stating we received substantial compliance with our audit. The total spent for the audit was \$10,125.00. The District saved approximately \$5,000 from the bid of our previous auditor.

The website is still being worked on. The bylaws, employee handbook and other policies are being reviewed and updated. They will be given to the Board for review in the future.

Board Member Richard Day asked if we have heard from Terel Grimley of Pineview. The main concern for residents in South Willard is the initial cost up front for the secondary water. Board Member Day believes now is the time to get moving. The snow is gone and people are thinking about putting water on their lawn. Board Member Day provided information regarding the sewer system going in at this time in Willard City and Perry City. Some property owners in South Willard worked with the County and paid taxes to have the transmission line upsized through Willard City so that there would be capacity for South Willard to hook up in the future. There may be problems however, when developers are only obligated to install a system with capacity for their own development.

Financial Business – LaRall Thompson

The financial reports for ending March 31, 2009 were provided to the Board Members in the packet that was mailed.

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.

General Manager Jorgensen issued an open invitation for any Board Members to come into the office and review financial records.

Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt

There was no unfinished business discussed

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Board Member Reese Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Richard Day seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.