

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2012 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, Charles Holmgren, Brent Baugh, Richard Day, LuAnn Adams, Brent Rose, Roger Fridal and Tyler Vincent

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen, Systems Operator Bob Phippen and Administrative Assistant Judy Hartvigsen

Visitors: Bill Bigelow of Hansen Allen and Luce

Excused: Dave Forsgren

Invocation: Board Member Brent Baugh

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clint Burt

A motion was made by Board Member Charles Holmgren to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson. Chairman Burt, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Vincent, Rose and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes for the Annual Board Meeting held March 28, 2012

The minutes of the annual meeting held March 28, 2012 were included with the packet that was mailed to the Board Members. There were no changes to the minutes.

A motion was made by Board Member Tyler Vincent to approve the minutes as written for the annual meeting held March 28, 2012. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day. Chairman Burt, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Vincent, Rose and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE BEAVER DAM CULINARY WATER SYSTEM IMPACT FEE FACILITY PLAN, IMPACT FEE ANALYSIS AND THE PROPOSED BEAVER DAM CULINARY WATER SYSTEM IMPACT FEE ENACTMENT RESOLUTION

Chairman Burt opened the public hearing. There were no public comments regarding the Beaver Dam Culinary Water System proposed impact fee facility plan, summary and enactment resolution.

Board Member Richard Day moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Board Member Charles Holmgren. Chairman Burt, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Vincent, Rose and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner LuAnn Adams arrived at the meeting after County Commission meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE IMPACT FEE FACILITY PLAN AND THE IMPACT FEE ANALYSIS AND THE SUMMARY THEREOF PERTAINING TO THE BEAVER DAM CULINARY WATER SYSTEM

Each board member received a copy of the Impact Fee Facility Plan, Impact Fee Analysis and summary and the proposed Enactment Resolution 01-2012 for their review in the packet that was mailed to them. General Manager Jorgensen stated the plan and analysis were prepared in accordance with impact fee law and certified by Lance Nielsen of Hansen Allen & Luce who is a professional engineer. All of the required public notices were given in compliance with the impact fee law. The notices were put in the newspaper, on our website, on the state website and copies of the facility plan, analysis, summary and resolution were placed in all libraries in the County and were available at the District office for the public to review.

Board Member Richard Day made a motion to adopt and approve the Impact Fee Facility Plan, Impact Fee Analysis and summary as prepared and certified by the engineer, Lance Nielsen for the Beaver Dam Culinary Water System. The motion was seconded by Board Member LuAnn Adams. Chairman Burt, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Vincent, Rose, Adams and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ENACTMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPOSITION OF IMPACT FEES PERTAINING TO THE SERVICE AREA OF THE BEAVER DAM CULINARY SYSTEM

Chairman Burt explained the impact fee would apply to any new connections to the Beaver Dam System for anyone that is not one of the original 22 shares of the Beaver Dam Water Company that are covered by the new water system. These 22 shareholders have contributed water rights to the District for their participation in the new water system.

General Manager Jorgensen read from the summary of the impact fee analysis stating the proposed impact fee was calculated at \$4,655.00 and that amount is the recommendation after completion of the facility plan. The board discussed who would be required to pay the impact fee and what portion of the impact fees collected can be used for repayment of the loan on the system. A separate account is kept for any impact fees paid to the District and a report is filed with the State Auditor.

Board Member LuAnn Adams moved to adopt Resolution 01-2012 as written for the enactment of the Impact Fees for the Beaver Dam Culinary Water System. The motion was seconded by Board Member Roger Fridal. Chairman Burt, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Vincent, Rose, Adams and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

Beaver Dam Water System Improvement Project Project Update – Bill Bigelow and Bob Phippen

Systems Operator, Bob Phippen presented a slide show of photos showing the progress of the Beaver Dam system construction. The photos included water lines coming from Earley Park, trenching and laying the water line along Beaver Dam Road, another back hoe covering and re-grading the road side, bedding of the water line, rock in the trench, jackhammering of rock in some areas, valves for fire hydrants being installed, potholing to determine location of rock, avoiding phone lines, repairing and laying culverts, Rocky Mountain Power laying the power line to the treatment building and bringing in equipment, work inside the storage tank, discovery of existing water lines they were unaware of and electrical work inside the treatment plant.

Vice Chairman Rudd arrived at the meeting during slide show presentation.

Bill Bigelow explained the amount of rock could require a change order but the contractor has not requested one yet. They have only done a few hours of jackhammering so far. There was a discussion of when the system would be completed. General Manager Jorgensen stated July 15th is the target date. Bill Bigelow explained there will be about a month needed for start-up of the treatment plant and programming the scada. Bob Phippen stated once there is power at the lower springs we can start filling the reservoir. It will take about a month to fill. General Manager Jorgensen stated with the last pay request from the contractors, Cox is 92% complete and Grover is 50 % complete calculated by the amount of money earned. Vice Chairman Rudd asked if any vandalism has been seen like what is going on around the county and he was told no.

Trustee Reports – Board Members

Ross Rudd: reported the meeting with the State Engineer held at our office on Monday was good. He reported some in his area are converting to sprinkler irrigation from flood and will bring some changes.

LaRall Thompson: No report

Brent Baugh: reported he talked to Curtis Marble (of West Corinne Water Company) about what they would want to do for a water source if a new commercial project goes in. He was told Brigham City was his first choice, Tremonton was second and the District would be third because of distance.

Tyler Vincent: asked whether Paul Larsen from Brigham City got in contact with the District in regards to water for the Cogburn project. General Manager Jorgensen stated she has not talked to him but Bill Bigelow and Clint Burt met with Mitch Zundel from the County and the people from the Cogburn project.

There was a discussion about the Cogburn project. General Manager Jorgensen explained the District can let them know what we can do for them and that we are happy to participate but it is ultimately their choice. The District is capable of providing their needs for water service. We would need to borrow funds to put in 6 to 7 miles of water line. Clint Burt explained he, Bill Bigelow and the General Manager had visited one of the sites this morning. He understood they have an option to purchase property for the development. They were told the District has plenty of water. They will need 237 acre feet per year. Board Member Vincent stated Brigham City would do what they could to help. Chairman Burt stated two of the three sites are within an existing RDA and the third site is outside. General Manager Jorgensen talked to the Division of Water Resources and they have available funding. The water line would be able to serve some residential customers in the area that do not have water service at this time. Commissioner Adams stated there are three sites for the project. One is in Brigham City, one out by the Procter & Gamble site and one near Little Mountain. It would bring in 500 to 800 jobs to the county. It will be driven by the desires of the developer. General Manager Jorgensen would like to be able to put in the line to the Little Mountain site with an extension to the RDA to provide water for other businesses that want to locate in the RDA. She feels this would be a real benefit to the area.

Roger Fridal: reported he got a letter from West Corinne Water Company referring to the project and they requested water from Tremonton City.

Richard Day: reported Randy Marriott came to the county planning commission last week asking for a re-zone on 360 acres of his property in South Willard to put it into 2 acre lots. The proposal was tabled by the planning commission but it gives some potential for the District to provide water service in the future. Mr. Marriott still has issues besides rezoning. He has some existing businesses there that are not allowed in the current zone.

Charles Holmgren: reported he attended a Bear River City Council Meeting. Paul Krauth of the Division of Water Quality told the Council that any discharging into the Malad or Bear Rivers will be eliminated in the future. He recommended land application to dispose of the sewage. Apparently Elwood City is going with this but he does not know how they handle the water right issues. It would be 6 to 8 million to put in a mechanical treatment plant which is the alternative to \$200,000 for land application. Logan City is going to a mechanical system.

On April 10th he attended a Bear Lake Preservation Advisory Committee meeting. There was a discussion concerning the infestation problems of mussels in Bear Lake including

intervention, management and funding of programs for prevention of infestation by the inspection of boats.

The Bear River Canal Company received a full allocation of their Bear Lake water for the year. The Lake level today was 5,920.27 feet which is about 3.5 feet from being full. There was a Bear River Commission Meeting in Salt Lake a week ago. The discussion concerned the grim forecast of water runoff. It will all be gone by the middle of May. It was not very promising so the canal company will depend more heavily on Bear Lake water than usual. There is a water information website that was created by USU with grant money and they will now maintain it with University funding. The Bear River Commission is involved with another website that is called www.bearriverbasin.org where you can get real time information on the river. They are waiting for Pacificorp to make the transition from the old site to the new one.

The Bear River Canal Company put water in on the west side last Friday. The east side had water put in yesterday.

Brent Rose: commented on the map of the snotel site showing his area at 87% of normal. They are not even close to that. His area is very dry. Charles explained the problem is with the location of the snotels.

LuAnn Adams: No report

Clint Burt: No report

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

General Manager Jorgensen referred the graph from the Water Supply Outlook Report information that was provided to the board members in their packet showing the large difference in amount of water from last year.

She reported she attended the conference of the Utah Government Financial Officers Association. There are some changes in the GASB standards for our accountants to apply to our financial statements next year. She stated our accounting firm had representatives in attendance. She received a report on the current economic situation.

The Division of Water Quality through the Lower Bear River Advisory Committee is revising the lower Bear River TMDL Report. She met with Justin and Mike Allred of the Division of Water Quality and they reviewed the statements of qualifications from engineering firms to decide on a consultant to work on the report.

She reported on meetings she attended of the Utah Association of Special Districts Board and the Bear River Development Group. Bowen Collins and Associates have done a study for a corridor for the Bear River pipeline. The group is looking at various reservoir sites after the Washakie site was determined to be very expensive. They need a storage project to be able to use 220,000 acre feet of water that ends up in the Great Salt Lake from runoff every year.

The Division of Water Rights used our conference room on Monday. Some of the Board Members attended. She gave the hand-out from the meeting to the other Board Members that were unable to attend. The State Engineer wants to have a hydrological study of our area. The USGS and the Utah Geological Survey are going to study the groundwater budget components

and estimate the effects and impacts of additional groundwater withdrawals. They will be mapping it. The State Engineer also will have an interim policy for applications until the study is completed.

The weather modification program is completed. They only used a portion of the estimated generator hours because of the lack of seedable storms so the costs will be less than was estimated. The District has not received the reconciliation of the costs yet from the North American Weather Consultants.

She has sent a letter to Riverside / North Garland Water Company about relocation of the meter station that was agreed to by the District.

The Bothwell Water Company has notified her that they will take option No. 2 that was discussed at the last meeting. Bill Bigelow has sent the application and the plans for the meter station to the Division of Drinking Water for approval. She is preparing the amendment to their contract.

She attended a meeting with rural development to discuss funding of the Collinston project. They will give us an estimate on the financial package they can offer us for funding. She has visited with Mark Larson of Ukon Water Company and updated him on the progress of the project.

There was a discussion of the cloud seeding project. General Manager Jorgensen explained how it works with the generators releasing chemicals into the clouds to provide additional precipitation.

Financial Business – LaRall Thompson Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were prepared and provided to the Board Members in the packet that was mailed to them. Financial Chairman Thompson asked for the board to review the statements and approve them.

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day, Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Day, Holmgren, Fridal, Vincent, Adams, Rose and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member LuAnn Adams. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and board members Day, Holmgren, Fridal, Vincent, Rose, Adams and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.