

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2013 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 Ross Rudd, Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson, Charles Holmgren, LuAnn Adams, Richard Day, Roger Fridal, Brent Baugh, Dave Forsgren and Tyler Vincent

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

Visitors: Bill Bigelow – Hansen Allen and Luce

Excused: Board Member Brent Rose

Invocation: Board Member Brent Baugh

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clint Burt

A motion was made by Board Member Richard Day to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Fridal, Day, Vincent, Adams, Baugh and Forsgren voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held April 24, 2013

The minutes of the meeting held April 24, 2013 were included with the packet that was mailed to the Board Members.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd to approve the minutes for the meeting held April 24, 2013. The motion was seconded by Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Day, Fridal, Vincent, Adams, Baugh and Forsgren voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Burt announced a letter of resignation has been received from Board Member Brent Rose. The Board Members were provided with a copy of the letter at the meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd to accept the resignation of Board Member Rose and extend the Board's appreciation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Brent Baugh. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Fridal, Day, Vincent, Adams, Baugh and Forsgren voted in favor of the motion.

Project Updates – Bill Bigelow and Bob Phippen

Newman Well Upgrade

Systems Operator Bob Phippen narrated a slide show of the progress on the upgrade for the Newman Well. It is being put it back together in phases. It was decided to replace worn parts and extend the depth of the pump 40 feet. The new parts have been received. The slides showed the new columns with the oil tubes and the motor shaft being installed. The well head was lifted and put in place. The pump motor was lifted from inside the well house and put in place.

Beaver Dam Water System

The slides from Bob Phippen showed the restoration of the area in Earley Park where the Sleepy Hollow Spring was developed. He explained when they started working on this spring it was producing about 5 gpm and it now produces 37 to 38 gpm. Any overflow goes into the church's collection box to irrigate the grass. There was some damage to the sprinkling system during the spring development and it has now all been repaired.

Bill Bigelow of Hansen Allen & Luce, reported a final inspection and walk through tour was held on May 8th for the Beaver Dam Project. It was attended by Nathan Hall from the Utah Division of Drinking Water and two church missionaries. The operating permit for the Sleepy Hollow Spring has been received. Systems Operator Phippen has turned the spring water into the system and the tank has been full and overflowing at times. The pump down below has not been needed. The project is complete and operating as planned.

Booster Station Automation

The slides presented by Systems Operator Phippen showed the installation of power and antenna conduit for a SCADA system installed at the meter vault for Riverside / North Garland near the Booster Station on 14400 North. Rocky Mountain Power installed a new power pole. The SCADA box is off the roadway and the front of the box faces away from the road. The project was approved and inspected and they are waiting for Rocky Mountain Power to set their meter.

Bill Bigelow explained there has been some discussion with Ukon Water Company whether or not the District's system could provide fire flow. The spec is 1000 gpm at 20 psi minimum. The slide showed the result of testing with water coming from both directions and the fire flow spec was met.

Trustee Reports – Board Members

LuAnn Adams: reported the County has made an agreement with Coca Cola stating all drinks at the fair will be provided by them. The District is required to obtain water for giving out at the fair from them also. She stated they would deliver the water bottles to us at our booth. The water will be more expensive but we won't have to haul it there. She does not have the prices but they will not allow us to buy water elsewhere.

She then reported on the proposed annexation of South Willard into Willard City. There are large property owners who are petitioning Willard City for annexation. Willard City would then furnish the water to the annexation area. General Manager Jorgensen explained the history of our building a system for the property there. Board Member Day explained there has been no formal communication with South Willard Water Company other than the general meeting. There is an existing special service district that was organized to provide services in the South Willard area. Board Member Adams stated the county is paying for a feasibility study to assess the need for services and how they will be provided. She suggested the District be involved in the meetings. Board Member Day stated the city and residents need to be educated concerning the issues. The annexation area includes the property from the southern Willard City boundary to the Weber County boundary on the east side of the freeway. Willard City will make the decision whether to annex the area into their city or not. General Manager Jorgensen stated there would have to be an evaluation of Willard City's water availability. She stated the District would never sell its infrastructure or water rights. There would have to be a contract for wholesale water sales to Willard City. General Manager Jorgensen gave some history of Randy Marriott's property with the water issue. He refused to sign a contract with the District for water. Commissioner Adams stated she believes there is enough support from large land owners to get the annexation accepted by Willard City.

Charles Holmgren: reported water was put in the canal on May 1st and they have pushed it to maximum demand. They have started the pumps at Bear Lake. When the weather was warm, the Logan River was running high and the Canal Company was receiving water from it. He measured 1.9 inches of rain from the storm last week which is very good for the Canal Company. He signed the global change application they have been working on for 10 - 15 years to re-evaluate the Canal Company's water right. It will be advertised for public hearing and they will see what kinds of protests are received. He attended the Utah Irrigation Alliance meeting. The Canal Company will join the alliance. It will fund lobbyists to educate the legislators on water issues. He complemented the trustee from Brigham City for the event at USU this weekend.

Richard Day: No report

Dave Forsgren: No report

Roger Fridal: reported Tremonton City has been using a fair amount of the District's water. They don't usually use this much early in the year.

Tyler Vincent: No report

Brent Baugh: reported he heard from the Reederers that there is still activity going on with the chicken plant proposal. They have a closing date set up for the property sale. He then reported due to a new church calling, he will have a conflict with four District board meetings per year.

LaRall Thompson: No report

Ross Rudd: No report

Clint Burt: reported on the meeting of the Taxing Entity Committee. Great basin Industrial is proposing to locate near Plymouth and they are working with County Economic Director, Mitch Zundel for a CDA on 35 to 40 acres. Board Member Fridal stated Tremonton City would not allow them to erect a building over the sewer line for their expansion in Tremonton. The company decided to re-locate in Plymouth. The County approved a zone change for them to expand.

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

Collinston Project

General Manager Jorgensen reported letters have been sent to the Beaver Dam residents regarding the discounted price for a connection to the new system. The District has not heard from anyone yet.

Letters were sent letter to Collinston residents inviting them to an informational meeting that was held last night. There was a good turnout. A presentation explained the proposal for a new Collinston Water System project and the residents were asked for support. The presentation was shown to the Board Members. General Manager Jorgensen narrated the slides. Board Member Forsgren attended as the Board Member who represents the area. Bill Bigelow gave an explanation and scope of the project. The project will provide residential service and water for Ukon Water Company and Riverside/North Garland. The District will purchase water from Deweyville for the present time to supply the system which is a large savings of the costs. Board Member Fridal explained the location of a Tremonton water line and asked about eliminating costs by using it with the system. The information was mailed to those who responded favorably to the survey in 2011 but who did not attend the meeting. Board Member Forsgren commented the District's obligation is to put in the line that will serve the majority of the people. He felt we are not obligated to provide fire flow to businesses at a great deal of additional cost or to serve the business park. We should serve the majority of the people and then as time goes on additional service can be added later. General Manager Jorgensen stated the District is purchasing property from Rupp for the reservoir site. We will look at the best alignment and there will be continued discussions. Chairman Burt stated one of the principal factors of the project is to help Ukon with their issues with the state so they can blend their water to reduce the arsenic. General Manager Jorgensen explained the extent of the project will depend on the bids and the amount of funding available. Blaine Rupp was on the first committee and has been very supportive of the project throughout. The District will look at all the options to provide water to as many as possible.

Newman Well House Retrofit Project & Contract

General Manager Jorgensen gave the Board a spread sheet showing the percentages of water used for the District and Chanshare that relates to the percentage of the electrical power bill that is paid by each entity. The pump replacement project will help conserve these power costs. Over the 12 year average, Chanshare has used 75% of the water that has been pumped. General Manager Jorgensen explained when the farm changed from flood irrigation to pivots, it resulted in pressure in the pump house being too high. We needed to conserve the water and have the culinary supply coming from the reservoir so it was necessary to do the retrofit project. The cost of the project was \$89,500.00. The farm now irrigates with less water. Culinary water comes directly from the tank and the pressure is less. In 2008, Chanshare's portion of the retrofit expense was calculated using the three previous years of their water usage. At that time, Chanshare agreed to pay 81% and the District 19%. She explained she has felt uneasy because Chanshare's share of the water usage has decreased and the percentage has changed with the average dropping and the District's water use increasing. She would like to amend the original agreement with Chanshare and use the new apportionment figures. The difference is about \$5,300.00 that Chanshare would save but she thinks it is more equitable. The retrofit has been a real benefit to the District also. It is an improvement to our facilities. In 2010, the contract was extended to the same time as the lease on the land.

Board Member LuAnn Adams made a motion to amend the retrofit contract with Chanshare to the new percentages of 75% for Chanshare and 25% for the District as the amount of cost sharing for the retrofit costs. The motion was seconded by Board Member Tyler Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Fridal, Day, Vincent, Adams, Baugh and Forsgren voted in favor of the motion

General Manager then reported she was promised the Newman Well project would be finished tomorrow and we will be able to get the new pump running.

**Financial Business – LaRall Thompson
Approval of Financial Statements**

The financial statements for April 2013 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 financial statements and approve them.

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

Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt

There was no unfinished business discussed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd. The motion was seconded by Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Day, Fridal, Adams, Baugh, Vincent and Forsgren voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.