

**Bear River Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 28, 2014 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, Jay Carter, Charles Holmgren, Brent Baugh, Roger Fridal, Tyler Vincent and Neil Capener

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen, System Operator Bob Phippen, System Operator Robert Thayne and Administrative Assistant Cassee Harper

Visitors: Bill Bigelow, Hansen Allen and Luce

Excused: LaRall Thompson, Jeff Scott and Richard Day

**Invocation:** Board Member Jay Carter

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Chairman Clint Burt

**Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clint Burt**

There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Holmgren to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Board Member Fridal. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Carter, Holmgren, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

**Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held April 23, 2014.**

The minutes of the Board Meeting held April 23, 2014 were included with the packet that was mailed to the Board Members. There were some minor corrections by Board Member Fridal and Board Member Holmgren.

A motion was made by Board Member Holmgren to approve the minutes for the meeting held April 23, 2014, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Board Member Carter. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Carter, Holmgren, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

**Trustee Oaths – Marla Young, Box Elder County Clerk  
Neil C. Capener – Portage, Plymouth, Fielding, Riverside**

Box Elder County Clerk, Marla Young, administered the oath of office to appoint Board of Trustee Member Neil C. Capener. He was appointed by the County Commission on May 21, 2014.

**Collinston Project Update – Bill Bigelow**

We have been very busy for the past 30 days with pre-construction activities in Collinston. We have had pre-construction meetings with the two contractors and we have been working on submittals for the equipment that needs to be ordered such as pipes, fittings and pumps, etc. Staking is almost done so the contractor knows where to build. We have started construction on the lower road down across the Hammond Canal; we had to get that done before they put water in the canal, and they will soon start working on the pipeline on Hwy 38. The footings and foundation walls have been poured for the two booster stations and we are getting ready for the loan closing to finalize the funding for the project.

Water Operators Bob Phippen and Rob Thayne presented a slide show about the progress on the booster stations, tank site and canal crossing and also about the goats in South Willard to control the noxious weeds. There were also pictures showing the water connection provided to the Box Elder Road Department gravel pit in Bothwell.

**Trustees Reports**

**Jay Carter** – No report

**Charles Holmgren** – We signed the easement today for the Bear River Canal Company for the pipeline on the Collinston Project. On the first of May, water came into the east side first, then on the west side and it looks like things are going really well at this point in time. We are pulling our maximum allowable amount of 900 cfs and there are just over 1,000 cfs going through Cutler Dam. Cache Valley is providing a lot of water to the Bear River but the area up by Grace is in a deficit. The hydraulic manager for PacifiCorp is disappointed with the run off and has backed down on his projection of the maximum elevation of Bear Lake by about 2 feet; however, he is still going to give us our full allocation. I attended the Mud Lake Symposium and there was an analysis done on the effects Mud Lake has on Bear Lake and it actually reduces a lot of pollution

going into the lake. They told us a lot about the geology of the lake system and the operations of PacifiCorp and we had a tour of the refuge. They seem to keep finding willing sellers to expand the refuge. The Canal Company is doing well and the new computer system is working satisfactorily. Our new program has identified people who were getting too much water so we have had to reduce their time.

**Neil Capener** – After reading the minutes from last month I just want to set straight that Plymouth doesn't want to work with Riverside/North Garland Water Company. Plymouth has turned us down twice now and they do not want to connect. About 10-15 years ago they had an opportunity to connect to our system and they refused. We have extended the offer twice and they have not accepted either time. Hooking up to Riverside/North Garland would have solved their predicament earlier and it would be a win/win situation for all.

**Roger Fridal** – He has been officially appointed to the Drinking Water Board. Congratulations!

**Tyler Vincent** – Brigham City water is sufficient right now. He has been told that the Willard Bay water level is dropping quickly. It is losing substantially every day and by the end of June they may not be able to launch boats. The hog plant is still looking at Little Mountain. West Corinne may be able to supply the water but the electrical, natural gas and sewer is going to be a problem because they want to do a leach field for their sewer. I wish them luck and want them to stay in the county.

**Brent Baugh** – Curtis Marble came to me about 10 days ago and said the Board of West Corinne Water Company decided that if the hog plant goes in they will supply the water and they think they have enough water to do so. Right now they don't want any help and they want to try it on their own. West Corinne Water Company's Bothwell well is pumping sand and they have had to change the pump out often because the sand is wearing them out quickly. Board Member Baugh has also talked to Chris Reeder and the group that was trying to buy his property for the chicken plant has totally withdrawn and the deal is off entirely.

**Dave Forsgren** – Honeyville's springs went from 200gpm to 220gpm and they are at about 1/3 of what they should be running right now. The high on those springs has been up to 1200gpm.

**Clint Burt** – No Report

### **General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen**

We would like to welcome Neil Capener to our Board. We have worked with him for many years with Riverside/North Garland Water Company and hope he is with us a long time.

Judge Hadfield has signed the immediate occupancy for the north tank site and we have delivered a \$4,400 check to the court. There was a mediation meeting set up with the Jensen family, then, the morning of the meeting Burke Jensen called to say he was sick so it was called

off. The land was paid for on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May so we can now move forward and can do construction on the tank site.

It is very interesting to hear about the Franklin Hills Regional Landfill in Hansel Valley; it has caused quite a stir. General Manager Jorgensen was invited to a meeting at Tim Munns' house and they toured the landfill site which is on the north side of I-84 just off Exit 16. In doing some homework on Hansel Valley; we found that the water in that little valley is of culinary grade. The water moves from the north to the south and as it goes south and gets towards the Great Salt Lake, TDS levels raise to 96,000, so the water quality really degrades as it goes south. There are 20 wells in that area and it would be a shame to have that little pocket of high quality water contaminated. The people in Hansel Valley are very upset.

There was a public meeting in Tremonton and Scott Anderson from the Division of Water Quality was there to answer questions. He is also the one who will be reviewing the application for the permit for the landfill. Randy Moulding has purchased 2,200 acres for the landfill; that is twice the size of Whites Valley. He is personally going through the permitting process but has contracted with Wasatch Integrated; the same people that purchased Whites Valley.

There was a public hearing at the planning commission on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Tim Munns had filed a request asking for criteria to be established in creating a landfill corridor four days before the application for permitting of the landfill went to the county. General Manager Jorgensen wrote a response and made a statement at that meeting in favor of Tim Munns' request and stated that the District cannot support a landfill over a watershed and we feel that criteria needs to be established when there is an application filed for a permit. The County needs to look at the impact of the water because there are other places in the county that can be used for landfills that don't impact the quality of the water. Promontory is already approved for a landfill. The State is going through the application with a fine tooth comb to see if it meets all the requirements. It is a long process to get a permit from the state so that gives us the time we need to work with the county and get our ordinances in order to protect our water and we need to provide the information to the county to do so. Ordinance 350 was passed by the County Commission and was written to protect the water quality in Box Elder County. We will have to see if the County thinks that ordinance can protect them to the point that they can decline the application.

The landowners got up at the planning commission meeting and spoke from their heart. Some of the people in Hansel Valley want to form a committee to fight the landfill. They love their land and their lifestyle and they just want to protect their land. That aquifer is their sole source supply for their water. Randy Moulding's people say there isn't that much water there, but when it is all you have, then that is all you have. The residents have an investment in their land, their farms and livestock. It would not be wise to put the landfill over the aquifer. As a policy, we should not support any landfill over any recharge area that can contaminate any water in our County; we don't have that much water.

There has been a 6.7 earthquake in 1934 and a 6.6 earthquake in 1906 in the Hansel Valley and there have been floods that have covered I-84 and flooded the fields. It is not a good site for a landfill and we hope the county will stand up and not be afraid to decline the application. I would like to continue to help the people in Hansel Valley and I hope the board will support fighting the landfill.

Steve Taylor is a realtor who is trying to develop property in the Willow Creek area which is southeast of Beaver Dam and into Cache County. For years the Little Creek Water Company has wanted to connect to the Beaver Dam Water System to help them with water. They have arsenic problems as well but they have put units in each home to filter the water to come into compliance with the state. Little Creek Water Company lines come down the Dairy Road and are only 2 to 3 miles away from our water lines and so in the future we may be able to help them. Their elevation isn't that much different than ours; however, we would have to put in a booster station on the Collinston north tank parcel to push water up to their system.

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

The financial statements for April 2014 were prepared and provided to the Board Members in the packet that was mailed to them. General Manager Jorgensen asked for the Board to review the financial statements and approve them.

A motion was made by Board Member Fridal to approve the financial statements. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Carter, Holmgren, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Vincent. The motion was seconded by Board Member Baugh. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren and Board Members Carter, Holmgren, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.