

**Bear River Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 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, Financial Chairman Charles Holmgren, Brent Baugh, Tyler Vincent, Roger Fridal, Neil Capener, Richard Day, Russ Howe, Jay Carter and Jeff Scott

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

Visitors: Bill Bigelow, Hansen Allen and Luce

Excused: Robert Phippen

**Invocation:** Board Member Capener

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

**Approval of the Minutes for the Annual Board Meeting held April 22, 2015.**

The minutes of the Board Meeting held April 22, 2015 were included with the packet that was mailed to the Board Members.

A motion was made by Financial Chairman Holmgren to approve the minutes for the meeting held April 22, 2015, with corrections. The motion was seconded by Board Member Day. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Baugh, Fridal, Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

**Project Updates –**

**Collinston – Bill Bigelow**

The Collinston Project has just one or two minor punch list items to be finished. We have sent a letter to Rupp Trucking asking them to finish up all remaining items and prepare for final payment. The tank contractor has finished everything, has received final payment and his account is closed out. The blending station is working very nicely and Ukon is very happy. There are a total of 24 residential connections. General Manager Jorgensen commented that we have done the first billing and everything is going well.

**South Willard Project  
Rob Thayne**

The South Willard well is down to 701 feet; we have made it to our goal. The hole is staying open, it has been developed some and it looks very clean. The well driller put a camera down today and we could see lot of cracks and fissures that could produce a lot of water. They will be putting down 8” plastic perforated pipe into the open hole, they will put in the gravel pack and then we will be ready to test pump. The water level is at 330 feet and has not changed since we started the project. We are going to be filling up our tank from South Willard Water Company one more time.

Board Member Vincent arrived at this time.

**Bill Bigelow**

We had discussed the District’s desire to drill to 700 feet but budget was a concern. Since the driller has been able to make much better progress than originally estimated and was able to drill 2.5 times more feet per day than we had budgeted for, we have drilled to 700 feet rather than 600 feet and have added a liner in the bottom of the well and will gravel pack the entire well. We should be ready to pump test within a month or so and may have pump test results by next Board meeting.

**Trustees Reports**

**Dave Forsgren – No Report**

**Charles Holmgren** – The canals were running over when it started to rain. PacifiCorp started pumps in early May, ran them for 4 or 5 days and then shut them off because of the precipitation. Since they ran the pumps for such a short period of time, the State Engineer's office didn't have time to run a model to track the usage from Bear Lake. It is my understanding that we will not be charged for those first few days. Bear Lake has actually risen 6 inches from where it was prior to the pumps starting. The Bear River is running 2,500 cfs and we are still diverting 600 cfs but most is going back to the river.

We are still trying to negotiate with Proctor & Gamble. They still want to move the canal for their expansion. Darin McFarland is overwhelmed with getting the water started this spring so we have turned it over to Brent Rose, the legal counsel for the Canal Company. He is getting the document worked out with Proctor & Gamble.

The Board of Water Resources will be in the County in three weeks and will have their Board meeting at the Hampton Inn. We will be spending time in Box Elder and Cache County and one thing the Board will be looking at is the USU Water Lab as they are having their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

Board of Water Resources has a loan application from Perry/Box Elder Flood Control District. The Evans and Mathias Canyons have some storm water catch basins. They are going to borrow \$300,000 from the Board of Water Resources and are on the agenda for June. They have no water rights to pledge as collateral on the loan so they will pay for it with property tax revenue. This is something that hasn't been done for quite a few years.

**Brent Baugh** – Bear River City can no longer discharge the waste water from their sewer lagoons into the Malad River. The solution they have come up with, rather than building a multi-million dollar treatment plant, is they have developed a reservoir to put that water into and have put up a center pivot sprinkler system and will use that water for irrigation. The pond will hold almost a years' worth of water.

**Tyler Vincent** – Brigham City has a lot of water. The retention basins are at capacity; in fact Lindsay Park has had kids with their tubes and swimming.

**Roger Fridal** – Tremonton has had a lot of water also. With the flooding and the up-pressure from the water, the manhole covers were lifting and one of the city trucks was parked on top of the cover to hold it down.

**Neil Capener** – Riverside got dumped on and some of the kids had their canoes out.

**Richard Day** – South Willard is going with pressurized secondary water. Pineview met two weeks ago and had enough votes to move forward and the project will hopefully be done by next year. They are bringing a 12" line down just past 8000 South and it will go as far south as the Sunset View subdivision but will not make it as far north as Willard Bay Gardens. As it develops they will be able to go further north.

**Russ Howe** – No report

**Jay Carter** – We sure needed the rain and this has changed the outlook in Park Valley. The crested wheat grass is green but it is short. It is unbelievable it could be so dry and then have so much water. I am guessing that we got 4.5–5 inches of rain; we have had more than an inch since Saturday.

**Jeff Scott** – Proctor & Gamble is doing an expansion and they will be visiting with Brigham City about water usage when they announce what they are making. We do have 2-3 companies that are looking at the area very seriously and will have some water needs.

**Clint Burt** – No Report

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

The total amount for weather modification for 2015 is \$40,964. The District and the State will do a cost share and each will each pay 50%. We are expecting a reimbursement of \$1,319 from the State.

We contacted Randy Anderson at Staker Parson and they will allow us to use the gravel pit to drain water into when we test pump the South Willard well. Rob and Bill have talked to the employees at the pit and given them a site plan. Staker Parson will make a trench for the lines to allow the water to drain into the pit.

This is the time of year that we renew insurance and retirement. We have added Collinston project items to our liability insurance so there will be a price increase in that premium. We go through the Leavitt Group for that insurance and Gary Huber gives us really good service. Our health insurance is renewing and we only have an 8% increase where others have a 15% increase. The Tier 1 retirement is staying the same and the Tier 2 retirement actually has a small decrease. I feel we have the best value when comparing the insurance we have now to others.

We have received the invoice for relocation of the District waterline for the 14400 canal crossing. The District has paid the engineering for that project. We have an invoice from Rupp Trucking for the labor for the installation of the culverts along 3100 West in Collinston. Bill Gilson asked to have the culverts put in, the County provided the material and Rupp Trucking was willing to install them but it was not part of our Collinston Project so it was invoiced separately. I have forwarded the invoice for the culverts and for the 14400 canal crossing to Commissioner Scott and those invoices will need to be paid before too long. Commissioner Scott said if the District has the funds and wants to pay for the moving of the water line for the relocation of the bridge they can or Bill Gilson can float that in his budget until 2016. As for the culverts, that invoice has been forwarded to Bill Gilson and the Box Elder County Road Department will pay that from their budget. It was discussed and the Board agreed that it would be better to have the County pay for the 14400 bridge relocation invoice now and the District will reimburse the County after the South Willard well has been completed to see where the District is financially. General Manager Jorgensen mentioned that she appreciates the County working with us.

We have contacted an appraiser for the Cache Valley property and have gotten a quote for \$1,400 to have an appraisal. It should be completed by June 16<sup>th</sup> and then we can decide at next Board meeting whether or not to sell the property.

We have completed and signed the Tremonton CDA. Shawn Warnke and Darlene Hess are really good to work with.

As for the Bear River Development; Charles Holmgren and I have been given the task to contact property owners in the proposed Fielding Reservoir site. We met with the Schaffer's. They were very hospitable and took us on a tour and are willing to let us do some core sampling on their property. They also gave us information on where some previous core samples had been drilled. We will also be contacting the Higley family to set up a meeting.

I had a meeting with Dan Adams from the Langdon Group and Chris Slater from JUB Engineering. They worked together on doing the Master Plan for Cache County and it was very impressive. Dan Adams handled all the public involvement and facilitated all of the meetings with the public and he did an awesome job. The information and tips they were willing to give me were very helpful. Dan is willing to help us with our Master Plan.

I went to the Planning Commission and told them what I thought about the landfill corridor. It was a work meeting and Chairman Munns was willing to allow the people there to comment after the presentation. They gave us a copy of the draft of the landfill corridor report to look at during the presentation. There were a few things I was concerned about such as they hadn't addressed any protection for our primary or secondary recharge areas and it worried me that the one mile radius from the drinking water source wasn't enough. We need to know if they have they taken any soil samples or consulted a hydrologist before determining the one mile radius. The Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for the County has four different zones so it doesn't designate where the one mile radius begins. Also the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan does not cover private wells, only public drinking water systems. I would like to be able to work with the Planning Commission and be a part of the planning to make some recommendations regarding water. We need to have a statement that says if there is a "reason to believe" there is a primary recharge in the area then a landfill won't be allowed. It seems from the short time I was allowed to review it during the meeting the engineer writing the landfill corridor report is writing it according to state statute but the State depends on the County to make sure they are protecting their own. We need to make sure we are protecting our water. As the Water Authority in the County, the District should be included in the preparation of the landfill corridor report.

The rain has brought out the worst in our garage roof. We have some repairs to be done and are getting some bids to put a pitch on the roof and have it re-tarred.

I have sent e-mails with the Envision Utah survey on Utah's Future which is part of the Governor's Initiative. We would appreciate everyone filling them out. This is your chance to have a voice about water, transportation and air quality. They need 5,000 more survey's completed to reach their goal. Commissioner Scott mentioned that they will donate \$1 to a school in the county for each completed survey.

When we asked for an extension of time to prove-up on our water right it was protested by some people in Deweyville. They feel that when Deweyville pumps their well it impacts their spring. Hansen, Allen & Luce prepared a study and presentation that the water from the Deweyville well is coming from a different direction than the water flowing to the Dewey Spring. The protestors had an engineer write a rebuttal to Hansen, Allen & Luce's study so the State Engineer had two different opinions. We asked Dr. Oaks to weigh in on the situation. Dr. Oaks is an expert in this area and is very well known and respected. He has been the Chair of the

Department of Geology and has done extensive studies. He read the study and rebuttal and has agreed with Hansen, Allen & Luce. He has written his opinion and we have submitted it to the State Engineer on behalf of the District because that is our source of water for the Collinston Project and we need to make sure that we can use that well. We have also received an approval for our extension of time for our Harper Ward water rights.

I still have not heard back from Mark Anderson as far as giving us information on our authority to increase our property tax levy.

I have spoken with Craig Terry about re-negotiating the lease with Chanshare. He is looking to see if we have to put it out to bid. I would like to have an item on the agenda in June that we have a closed meeting with the purpose of the sale, lease or purchase of real property. I would like to invite Blair Summers and Chanshare and have them come in separately and make a proposal to the Board. The Board would be able to discuss the merits and issues of each proposal and consider all factors on both sides and make a decision so the two parties who are interested in leasing the farm can make plans for their future. The Board made a recommendation for the closed meeting and to contact the two parties and have them come make their proposal in the June Board meeting during a closed session.

### **Financial Business – Financial Chairman Charles Holmgren Approval of Financial Statements**

The financial statements for April 2015 were prepared and provided to the Board Members. Financial Chairman Holmgren asked for the Board to review the financial statements and approve them.

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

Chairman Burt made a comment that he has been on several Boards and wants to compliment this Board on how well the attendance is at the District Board meetings. There are eleven Board Members and more often than not we have 100% attendance. We are all busy people and we all have busy lives and it is rewarding to see the interest shown. The people in this county ought to be proud of this Board. Representative Scott Sandall attended our Board meeting last month and he made a comment that the County is well taken care of by the District Board.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.