

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 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, Roger Fridal, Neil Capener, Richard Day, Russ Howe, Jay Carter and Jeff Scott

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
Buster Marble, Brett Marble – Chanshare
Blair Summers, Jimmy Summers – West Hills Farms

Excused: Tyler Vincent

Invocation: Board Member Carter

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clinton 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 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.

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held May 27, 2015.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held May 27, 2015 were included with the packet that was mailed to the Board Members.

A motion was made by Board Member Day to approve the minutes for the meeting held May 27, 2015 as amended. The motion was seconded by Board Member Fridal. 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.

Closed Meeting – Strategy Session to discuss the sale, lease or purchase of real property

Chairman Burt asked for a motion to go into a closed meeting.

Board Member Scott made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the sale, purchase or lease of real property. The motion was seconded by Board Member Capener. A roll call vote was taken:

Clint Burt – Aye	Dave Forsgren – Aye
Charles Holmgren – Aye	Brent Baugh – Aye
Roger Fridal – Aye	Neil Capener – Aye
Richard Day – Aye	Russell Howe – Aye
Jay Carter – Aye	Jeff Scott – Aye

Vice Chairman Forsgren moved to leave the closed session and return to the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. A roll call vote was taken.

Clint Burt – Aye	Dave Forsgren – Aye
Charles Holmgren – Aye	Brent Baugh – Aye
Roger Fridal – Aye	Neil Capener – Aye
Richard Day – Aye	Russell Howe – Aye
Jay Carter – Aye	Jeff Scott – Aye

Vice Chairman Forsgren made a motion to table the decision to lease the District property for 30 days and have the Board come back at the next meeting prepared to discuss the proposals received. Board Member Baugh seconded the motion. 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 – Bob Phippen

The Collinston Project is completed as far as all corrective items are finished on punch list.

South Willard Project

– Rob Thayne

The extended 200 feet now has 8” perforated plastic pipe and it has been gravel-packed with about 14 yards of gravel and silica. We thought it would only take about 10 yards but we needed the extra because it filled up all cavities. They have put a test pump in the well and are getting ready to test pump next week. The pump will be placed at 500 feet which is 80 feet lower than before.

– Bill Bigelow

We have been working on energy saving proposals for both the South Willard and Newman wells. Rocky Mountain Power has some incentive programs where they will pay a District to make changes if it results in significant energy savings. We are talking with them about participating in purchasing a new pump for South Willard where the old pump was inefficient and was ruined. We are also talking about insulating the walls and skylight in the South Willard pump station because it takes a lot of power to heat in the winter.

The Newman well is flushing to waste a lot of water. We are talking with Rocky Mountain Power about possibly eliminating the flush to waste by putting in VFD’s. It is kind of expensive but if they are willing we will do it. We are also talking with them about the possibility of putting in a bigger tank in Bothwell and getting the wells off of peak times so they would only pump at night.

Trustees Reports

Jeff Scott – No Report

Jay Carter – No Report

Russ Howe – No Report

Richard Day – No Report

Neil Capener – No Report

Roger Fridal – No Report

Brent Baugh – No Report

Charles Holmgren – The Division of Water Resources had a wonderful tour on Wednesday and a nice dinner at Maddox and would like to thank the Conservancy District for all the help they provided. We would also like to thank Box Elder County for dust control on the Whites Valley road and Brigham City for providing their council chambers for the Board Meeting on Thursday.

We have heard from the State Engineer’s office this week that Bear Lake is up what we anticipate to be 2 feet higher than it would have been if we had not had the rains which is extraordinary. However the storms have saturated some of the canal banks and we are getting some sloughing which we are monitoring those closely.

David Forsgren – No Report

Clint Burt – No Report

General Manager’s Report – Voneene Jorgensen

The tax rate for 2015 has gone down from 0.000198 to 0.000192 but will have about \$22,000 more dollars than we did before. In my research on how to get the extra tax levy for the District it looks like we will have to go through “Truth in Taxation” and in order to do that we will have to send a notice to every parcel owner in the County. That process will be pretty extensive. It is too late to start the process for 2015 but we have time to go through the process for 2016.

Russ Howe asked about the Cache Valley property appraisal. General Manager Jorgensen said it was very disappointing and she has some questions and wants to talk with the appraiser. We need to clear up some discrepancies before the board discusses it.

Financial Business – Financial Chairman Charles Holmgren Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements for May 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 Fridal to approve the financial statements as presented. 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.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Holmgren. The motion was seconded by Board Member Baugh. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.