

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Bear River Water Conservancy District Conference Room
102 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah**

Minutes

Present: Trustees: Roger Fridal, David Forsgren, Charles Holmgren, Jay Capener, Tyler Vincent, Mark Larson, Neil Capener, Richard Day, Russ Howe, Jay Carter and Jeff Scott

Absent:

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen, Systems Operator Robert Thayne, Administrative Assistant Jill Jeppsen

Others: Bill Bigelow, Hansen Allen Luce

Welcome: Chairman Roger Fridal

Invocation: Richard Day

Pledge of Allegiance: Russ Howe

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Fridal

A motion was made by Board Member Tyler Vincent to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Member Mark Larson. Chairman Fridal, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members J. Capener, N. Capener, Day, Howe and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held August 29, 2018.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held August 29, 2018 were included with the packet that was provided to the Board Members.

Board Member Jeff Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held August 29, 2018. The motion was seconded by Board Member Tyler Vincent. Chairman Fridal, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members J. Capener, Larson, N. Capener, Day, Howe, and Carter voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment – No Public Comment

Trustees Reports

Dave Forsgren – Honeyville Springs are holding at 330-350 gpm.

Charles Holmgren – Informed the group of a regional water conservation program that will be presented in Logan City library October 16th from 6:00-8:00. Each basin under the structure of the Division of Water Resources is having a meeting, this will be the meeting for the Bear River Basin. It includes Rich, Box Elder and Cache Counties.

The General Manager and Charles took tour of the Central Division of the Bear River system on September 6, 2018. The tour was beneficial as they looked at some significant water diversion structures and were able to meet and have discussions with people from Pacific Corp.

There was a meeting this past Monday with Proctor & Gamble, Union Pacific and the Bear River Canal Company. Union Pacific was represented by an attorney out of Omaha. He explained the reason for the closing of crossings along Waukegan road, west of Bear River City and on the east side of the P&G plant, is for safety purposes. They removed one crossing on 4800 N from consideration for closing and they focused on the two crossings at 5600 N. The general understanding following the meeting is they will abandon one of the two crossings at 5600 N and Union Pacific, at their expense, will build a bridge across the canal so that both sides of the canal can be accessed. The Canal Companies new manager, Trevor Nielson, was at the P&G and Union Pacific meeting. There was discussion about access to the canal from both sides if the RR crossings are closed, especially for the utility companies servicing the P&G plant. Because the West Corinne Water Company has a 6” transit pipeline running through the area, it is thought they need to be brought into the discussions with Union Pacific.

Mr. Holmgren had some discussion with Brent Rose of the canal company regarding ownership of the property under the canal in the Deweyville area. He said the canal company can’t grant easements if they don’t own the property but would require a Licensing Agreement with BRWCD to put their Collinston water line in the canal 100 foot right of way. The adjacent landowners would have to give the District the easements.

There was a discussion regarding another attempt to establish a landfill at the north end of Hansel Valley.

Mr. Holmgren concluded his report talking about the annual allocation agreements between Bear Lake and the surrounding canal companies, explaining the percentages and usage of these companies this year.

Jay Capener –Reported that the canal company expects to take water out of East Hammond line beginning the 2nd week in October. The flow has been reduced in the canal due to demand starting to taper off.

Tyler Vincent – Reported that things are good in Brigham regarding the water situation. The BRAG group had the opportunity to go to Niagara Bottling plant to tour the operation. There are a lot of projects going on in Brigham City. He talked about working with the Rail Road on past projects.

Mark Larson – There are a lot of homes going in, a lot of building going on, as is the case with the whole area. The springs in the area have held up well for as long as it has been dry.

Neil Capener – No Report

Richard Day – Pineview is shutting down secondary water the first of October instead of the 15th as in past years, Pineview levels are down considerably. The water is appreciated that BRWCD is supplying South Willard with about 110 gallons per minute. South Willard should be back online mid-October. There were 849 wild fires in Utah this year. We are not out of the woods yet because the mountains are dry.

Russ Howe – Talked with a member of the Howell Water Company Board that has served for 20 years. He said he has never pumped over 5m gallons in one month until last month which was 5.5m. Mr. Howe mentioned they had over 25 breaks that have occurred in their lines. They had Bill (Bigelow) come out and look at them. They felt the pressures were too high. They installed a reducing station at the head of the rocket road line and set it at 65 on the bottom and 85 to 90 at the top and have not had any problems since then and everyone seems to have plenty of water.

Jay Carter – Park Valley is so dry, 2 or 3 weeks ago a couple neighbors were combining their water at the creek head gate. They have 3 ½ times the right Jay has, and they had 8 rainbirds going. Jay said he might have been able to run 2 rainbirds on his share. The levels have come back up a little. There was a discussion about the water coming back up after the trees go dormant.

Jeff Scott – Reported there were just over 100,000 acres burned in the county this year, hoping the fire season is over. The final report from the Fire Marshall next week. Regarding the Bear River Project: Representatives from the DEQ talked with Deputy Director Adams, the nearest they figure we are for the water project is 2040 to 2050. With conservation efforts and secondary water systems going in, it keeps getting pushed back. They have narrowed down to 6 or 7 sites; Whites Valley is still the favorite because of geographic location and it would mean one reservoir but, it is still in the planning stage. There was a discussion regarding cloud seeding presented at the BRAG meeting. He talked about filing with Utah and Idaho for a couple extra feet of water out of Bear Lake.

Roger Fridal – Tremonton wells are stable, nothing has changed much, it has been an exceptionally dry year. Tremonton raised the conservation rate and they are still pursuing secondary water. Sid Fuhrman in Pocatello Valley has a rain gauge he has been keeping track of annually for the last 40 years and this is the lowest year in 40 years for precipitation. Roger shared a picture of a Black Henbane that is growing

on the mountain in a bunch of rocks. This plant is the only green thing in a ¼ of a mile. It was so bizarre that it would grow in an extremely dry year, in a pile of rocks where the cattle have pastured it down. He dug it up and sent it to Lyle Holmgren at the extension to ask what it was. It is extremely toxic to humans and cattle. There was a short discussion on the lake levels at Bear Lake and how it is thought that tall sunflowers and lots of skunks are signs of a good winter coming.

Project Updates

Bill Bigelow- Explained that he met with Voneene and the West Corinne Water Company to discuss the 1-mile line 10" pipeline to allow the District to connect to the Bothwell system. The project is on-going.

Robbie Thayne – Reported that Tremonton is taking water at about 500 gpm, down from 900 gpm. South Willard is taking about 110 gpm and Bothwell still taking about 75 gpm. We are pumping approximately 3,600,000 gallons per day out of the Newman Well. The Farm is taking 1500 to 2500 per minute. It was about 5,040,000 per day, at the peak in mid-summer. These numbers show how important the Newman Well is.

Projects are moving along; the Early Park walkway will be finished in October. As soon as Tremonton demand slows down we will replace meters at the UDOT station.

The new roof on Bothwell pump house around the exhaust fan should be completed in October. Robbie will be working with the surveyor next week for West Corinne water line. He would like to cover the irrigation well, it needs to be heated to use in winter, if needed.

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

We had a meeting with the Bothwell Water Company to discuss the results of their sanitary survey. We gave them information to help with some backflow prevention and chlorination issues.

We also met with a couple people from the board of the Willow Creek Water Company. They wanted to know what our future plans were in being able to serve water to them at some point in time. We explained we needed to develop the water source in the Collinston area before we could extend that water line. It would be about 2 miles before we could connect on to their water system to augment their supply and be a backup source to them. It would come from our north tank on the mountain dairy road.

We met with Riverside/North Garland to help them with a water right filing, they are getting ready to do a Public Hearing on right that was filed a while ago.

Our visit with West Corinne Water Company was a good meeting. They were very grateful that we were able to serve them with water when they were out of water due to an infrastructure failure. They were anxious to talk about having a connection in the Bothwell pocket. They are interested in a cost split, where they provide the construction and the canal crossing, and the District provides the engineering, parts and materials and obtains the approval from the Division of Drinking Water on the design. Bill Bigelow is estimating it would cost the District about \$125,000 for parts and materials because of the canal crossing. BRWCD would own the line and could sell connections along that portion of the line on 10,000 West, down to Tremonton Main Street to help reimburse the expense. There was a short discussion on this line serving as a backup to West Corinne Water Company and securing a water purchase agreement from them.

She asked the Board for a recommendation to move forward with the project and use the money for that purpose.

A motion was made by Board Member Mark Larson to approve moving forward with the project and to not exceed \$125,000 without further Board approval. Contingent on a water supply agreement with West Corinne Water Company. BRWCD to provide the engineering, plan approval and parts. West Corinne Water Company will be responsible for the canal crossing and construction costs. The finished line will belong to the District. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day. Chairman Fridal, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Board Members Vincent, Carter, Scott, Howe, N. Capener and J. Capener voted in favor of the motion. Financial Charles Holmgren voted in favor and stated he may have a conflict of interest, as a shareholder in West Corinne Water Company.

General Manager Jorgensen continued her report stating to the Board Members that there is a registration form and agenda for the annual, one-day Utah water summit Oct 23rd in your packet. It is sponsored by the Utah Water Users Association. She then reminded them of the upcoming Special District Training on October 11, 4-6:30 at the County Commission chambers. Board members are required to attend training on Open/Public meetings each year.

Due to the UASD Convention on November 7th, we have a conflict for our tentative budget hearing and would propose we move it to the 14th. We would then need to move the December meeting from the 12th to 19th. Regulations dictate there must be 30 days between the hearing and the approval.

A motion was made by Board Member Mark Larson was made to amend the meeting schedule for the budget hearing to November 14th and December 19th. The motion was seconded by Board Member Russ Howe. All votes were in favor of the changes.

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

The financial statements for August 2018 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 Mark Larson to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Day. Chairman Fridal, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Charles Holmgren and Board Members J. Capener, Vincent, N. Capener, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Richard Day to close the general session and enter into a closed session to have discussion regarding Purchase, exchange, lease or sale of Real Property and Pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. A roll call vote was taken; Chairman Fridal, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members J. Capener, Vincent, Larson, N. Capener, Day, Howe, Carter and Scott voted in favor of the motion.

A motion to end the closed session and return to an open meeting was made by Board Member Larson, a second was made by Board Member Vincent. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

A motion was made by Board Member Jeff Scott to entertain an offer on the Cache Valley Property not less than the amount discussed in the closed session. The motion was seconded by Board Member Neil Capener. Board Chairman Roger Fridal, Vice Chairman Dave Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Vincent, Larson, Day, Howe, and Carter all voted in favor of the motion. Board Member J. Capener opposed the motion.

A motion was made by Board member Larson to authorize the General Manager to make an offer on the property for the proposed well site in line with the discussions that were had in the closed session. Second by Board Member Vincent. All voted in favor

A motion was made by Board Member Carter to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. All Board Members voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.