

**Bear River Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Bear River Water Conservancy District Conference Room  
102 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah 84302**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Trustees: Chairman Clinton Burt, Vice Chairman Ross Rudd, Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson, Brent Baugh, Richard Day, Dave Forsgren, Commissioner Brian Shaffer, Stan Stokes and Charles Holmgren.

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

Visitors: Bill Bigelow (Hansen, Allen & Luce), Hayden Hess and McKei Secrist.

Excused: Reese Jensen and Brent Rose

**Invocation:** Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson

**Adoption of the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Richard Day to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Adoption of the Minutes for the meeting held September 23, 2009**

A copy of the draft minutes was included with the packet mailed to the Board Members. There was one change to the minutes regarding the report of Board Member Brent Baugh. West Corinne was changed to Corinne City.

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2009 as amended. Board Member Charles Holmgren seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **South Willard Project update – Bill Bigelow and Bob Phippen**

Bill Bigelow reported on the progress of the South Willard Project. The pump is running well and the reservoir has been full for a week. The tank is showing some leaks and that is considered normal. The Reservoir will be drained and the leaks will be repaired. The tank can then be refilled and back filled. The pipelines need to be tested at pressure and chlorinated. Mr. Bigelow believes an operating permit can be obtained by the next Board Meeting. He will be meeting with the pump station contractor on Tuesday to do an inspection and develop a final punch list for completion. The pump station is at substantial completion and there is now 30 days to finish any final work. The overflow pond was built for flushing the well or if we want to drain the tank. It is working quite well. The pond will not overflow on a daily operational basis. It would take 6 to 7 hours of solid pumping to fill the pond. Mr. Bigelow explained there is a separate contract for the SCADA panel and it has been worked on. System Operator Bob Phippen explained the SCADA will be another page on the same computer we have in the office for the Bothwell system and will have all the controls for each system. Mr. Bigelow reported the quality of the water is very good and it tastes good. There is a little bit of sand due to the type of well it is. We are in a gravel pit where there is lots of sand. Mr. Phippen explained when we first started pumping it would take about an hour to clear up enough to pump it into the reservoir. Now it is clear in about 1/2 hour. The static water level has 150 feet of drawdown but when you turn the pump off, the level comes right back up in a few minutes.

System Operator Phippen presented a slide show of photos from the site including the finished tank, leakage areas, installation of pipelines to the reservoir and the overflow pond. Mr. Bigelow reported on methods of repairing the cracks in the reservoir. The contractor will be able to determine the best means of repair and see that it is taken care of. General Manager Jorgensen stated her Father-in-Law who is a structural engineer also inspected the reservoir and he felt it was a good job and the leakage was pretty normal.

### **Board Member Reports – Trustees**

**Brian Shaffer:** introduced guests Hayden Hess and McKei Secrist. He stated they were in attendance to fulfill a school assignment. Commissioner Shaffer gave his report from the County. He stated the County received quite a set back when we were included in the non-attainment area of air quality above 2.5 ppm. It will impact the county in many ways. P&G would not have come here if they had known they would have to deal with that situation. ATK is totally devastated by being put into that non-attainment area because they are not a contributor but are a receiver of the pollution. The Governor, in his recent visit to Brigham City stated he is willing to litigate to try to get Box Elder County out of it. It will include testing of car emissions. It is a huge issue caused by the environmentalists. Our congressional representatives tried to keep us out of it but the federal agencies were totally oblivious to our situation. The Commissioners and the Congressmen will keep working on it but Commissioner Shaffer did not have much hope for a change. He then reported on the Ruby Pipeline. They will begin work on the ground starting March 2010 and continue for 18 months to install a 48" pipeline. They will be coming through Sardine Canyon, go north of the airport and then west. Board Member Holmgren stated the survey stakes can be seen on county

roads where they are crossing. Commissioner Shaffer asked for any questions from the Board Members. Chairman Clint Burt mentioned his experience with Ruby Pipeline. He believes they do not want to go as deep with the pipeline as the farmers want them to. They need to go down to a safe area that is below drain lines, some of which can be six to eight feet deep. He feared they will cut the underground drains. Board Member Holmgren stated they claim they will go under his drain lines and ditches but they are not more than four feet deep. He was also told they will not have any excess dirt from the excavation.

**Charles Holmgren:** reported there is not much going on with the Canal Company. They are meeting with P & G in about two weeks regarding the use of mitigation water from the Bear River when they expand the plant. They have a plan for the Canal Company to deliver water to the Bear River Bird Refuge and the Bear River Club to get them to withdraw their protest. There are problems with the siphon up in Plymouth and they are trying to prevent degradation of the pipe. He apologized for taking water out of the East Canal so early. The West Canal will have the water taken out tomorrow. Part of the Canal Company water right is stock watering. Chairman Burt stated that is a vital thing to keep going.

**Richard Day:** reported Pineview water was shut of on October 13th. He wondered where we are on secondary water and would like to keep working on it.

**Dave Forsgren:** reported they have broken ground on the Honeyville water line and reservoir projects. They are making progress there. The new reservoir is eighty-five feet higher than what they have now.

**Stan Stokes:** No report

**Brent Baugh:** reported it looks like the water line is finished on 1900 North and tied into the airport road going to P & G. He can see the lights from the new well project going in for Brigham City on the mountain. Board Member Holmgren reported West Corinne has started digging on the Iowa String road going north and then will come east on the road he is on with an 8" water line. Board Member Forsgren reported there are walls going up on Corinne's reservoir.

**LaRall Thompson:** No report

**Ross Rudd:** reported information regarding the air quality issue and the presentation of a resolution by his daughter to the Farm Bureau for support. She attended a meeting with the environmental people and tried to present reasons why our county should not be included. He asked for District support of the efforts of our representatives on this issue.

**Clint Burt:** reported the Farm Bureau is supporting us on the issue of elected vs. appointed boards and will support the appointment process.

## **General Manager's Report**

General Manager Jorgensen reported that Larry Peterson of Ukon Water Company came to visit the other day and voiced his concerns with the arsenic problem they have with their water. He requested the District continue working toward a project in the Collinston area. Commissioner Shaffer, speaking for Ukon stated they have been looking at other sources to blend water to deal with the arsenic. He explained the systems they have looked at. It is a huge issue for them and they are under EPA requirements with a deadline of 2016 to have the problem solved. They could be required to put in a treatment plant if they cannot solve the problem. General Manager Jorgensen stated Bill Bigelow is working on an application for grants to drill a well to provide better water to blend with their water.

The Water Summit will be held December 1st at the Davis Convention Center. General Manager Jorgensen stated she thought it would be a good conference and encouraged the Board Members to attend. It will just be a one-day conference. She gave a hand-out of the schedule for the meeting and issues to be discussed. The registration deadline is November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kimberly Giles of Homeland Security came in to the office and visited with us regarding the Emergency Response Plan. She had reviewed our plan and she gave us some suggestions. The staff will be working on adding the Willard Project to the plan and doing some updating.

A meeting was held this morning at our office with representatives from the LDS Church and Honeyville City. The issue of fire flow needed for new Stake Center in Harper Ward was discussed. Board Member Forsgren explained the proposed location for the new building. He stated he was told later in the day that the County has bought off on the idea that they will record the plat for the subdivision of the property with the stipulation that the water plan and fire flow plan will be in place before a building permit will be issued for the building.

General Manager Jorgensen attended a meeting today where they are working on drafting the legislation for canal safety. She gave the names of those attending. She felt positive about the way it is going. The committee is keeping in mind the small companies and their budgets and not putting a heavy governmental hand on them. They will ask for a canal assessment and it will be kept as simple as possible but will address the issues needed. The committee is working in a manner that will be good for the canal companies and also answer the mandates from the Governor. The canal companies are doing a good job to keep the canals in shape. The problem has come with development moving in and encroaching on the canals. There needs to be some communication. Legislation is needed to protect board members from liability as well as protect the public. They are trying to keep the small ditch owners in business as their funds are very limited.

General Manager Jorgensen provided the board members with a spread sheet showing the financial information for the South Willard Project. She stated it has run smoothly and working with three contractors has not been a problem. She stated Bob Phippen and Bill Bigelow have both done excellent jobs on the project. She is thinking of having a small celebration or ribbon cutting before they bury the reservoir if the weather stays good.

General Manager Jorgensen will be working on the budget for the upcoming year and present it at the next meeting to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Business – La Rall Thompson**

The financial statements were sent with the packet to the Board Members. Financial Chairman Thompson asked if the board had reviewed the reports and asked for a motion of approval.

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to approve the financial statements as presented. Commissioner Brian Shaffer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt**

There was no unfinished business discussed.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Brent Baugh and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.