

**Bear River Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011 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, Stan Stokes, Charles Holmgren, Brent Baugh, Dave Forsgren, Brent Rose, Richard Day and Commissioner LuAnn Adams

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen, Systems Operator Bob Phippen and Administrative Assistant Judy Hartvigsen

Visitors: Bill Bigelow of Hansen Allen and Luce

Excused: Bruce Christensen and Brent Rose

**Invocation:** Board Member Stan Stokes

**Adoption of the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Dave Forsgren to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Stokes, Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Forsgren and Adams voted in favor of the motion.

**Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held September 28, 2011**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd to approve the minutes as written for the meeting held September 28, 2011. The motion was seconded by Board Member Brent Baugh. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Stokes, Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Forsgren and Adams voted in favor of the motion.

**Beaver Dam Water System Improvement Project  
Project Update – Bill Bigelow**

Bill Bigelow of Hansen Allen and Luce and Systems Operator Bob Phippen presented a slide show of construction photos and explained the progress of the Beaver Dam Water System Improvement Project. The springs have been excavated and spring collection boxes installed. Pipeline has been laid to the spring boxes. The site has been prepared for the 200,000 gallon water storage tank. The floor of the tank has been prepared and cement was poured today.

**Board Member Reports – Trustees**

**LuAnn Adams:** reported a bill is being written for the legislature having to do with conservation easements. They are trying to protect the food supply in the future by preserving agricultural lands. Chairman Burt explained he knew of two or three conservation easements existing in the county. Board Member Adams explained there are also easements proposed along the Bear River that are more to do with wildlife.

She reported the County Commission held the first meeting regarding the landfill and a committee was appointed by the County Commission. Board Member Dave Forsgren suggested taking a poll of the Board Members for input on the landfill issue. He reported the issue was presented at the Mayor's meeting and at the Honeyville City Council. Board Member Adams reported they estimate there will be ten to twelve trucks per day from Cache County to the landfill. The traffic will affect the Iowa String. The trucks carry about 22 tons and they will be loaded at a transfer station from garbage trucks to covered semis. The benefit to the County will be about 1.8 million dollars. Some of the funds will be reserved for road repairs and improvements to the landfill but about 1 million will be able to be put in the general fund for use in other county expenses. It may not decrease taxes but it could postpone a raise in taxes. Right now it is strictly a proposal and does not include selling the landfill or involve NURLA but is acquiring Cache County as a customer for our existing landfill. Board Member Holmgren inquired whether other counties will follow suit and bring garbage here as well. Board Member Adams stated this proposal is only for Cache County. The Board Members expressed support for the proposal and Board Member Adams stated she will take this support back to the County Commission.

**Charles Holmgren:** reported the Bear River Commission will be meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City. He reported the flow at Bear Lake as 700 cfs going out and 320 cfs going into the lake. The current level is 5919.6 feet. The Bear River is flowing between 1800 to 2400 cfs at the Corinne Station. West Corinne Water Company is in the process of increasing their monthly rate to \$38.00 to pay for recent improvements with a hook up fee of \$8,000. They are looking at establishing impact fees in the future.

**Richard Day:** No report

**Dave Forsgren:** No report

**Stan Stokes:** No report

**Brent Baugh:** No report

**LaRall Thompson:** reported the Logan River a lot higher than in other years.

**Ross Rudd:** reported Plymouth is growing and there is criticism about the \$10,000 water connection fee.

**Clint Burt:** reported he was impressed with the work at Beaver Dam and he has visited with a few of the residents who are excited about it. They will be happy with the system when it is completed. Vice Chairman Rudd stated he has also received favorable comments regarding the Beaver Dam project.

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

General Manager Jorgensen reported the District has submitted an application with the County Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Permit for the treatment plant and storage tank in the Beaver Dam Project. The application will be reviewed at their meeting to be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and then we will submit the building permit applications.

General Manager Jorgensen reported she has been working on the budget and the Board will be going through the process of approving the budget for the 2012 fiscal year. The tentative budget will be discussed and adopted at the Board Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. It is important to have a quorum at that meeting. The budget public hearing will be advertised and held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. These dates are set because of the requirement of 30 days between the tentative budget approval and the public hearing. These meetings will be our regular board meetings and no meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in November and December.

She then reported she has completed the Collinston Project contract with Deweyville City and it has been sent to our attorney Dallin Jensen for review. After his review, a meeting will be held with the Deweyville Mayor to sign the contract.

The Utah Water Summit will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Provo Marriott Hotel. Board Members were encouraged to attend and were asked to provide their registration form tonight if they are planning to attend. The District will be one of the event sponsors and will provide \$250.00 for the sponsor fee.

The contract for the Weather Modification Program was received from North American Weather Consultants and was signed and returned. The District is now waiting for the contract from the State of Utah to sign.

The District will hold its annual Christmas Dinner at Maddox Ranch House on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The Board Members were asked to make a note of this date and plan to attend.

General Manager Jorgensen reported the District received another check from Chanshare for their rent of \$12,000.00. Randy Marble personally dropped off the check at the office and stated another check will follow soon.

A letter was sent to the County Commissioners notifying them of the expiring terms of some Board Members on December 31, 2011. The terms of Board Members Dave Forsgren, Stan Stokes and Brent Baugh will expire at the end of the year. There will be an advertisement published

according to state statute regarding these expirations of terms and the appointments for these board positions will be made by the County Commission at their meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

General Manager Jorgensen reported she attended meetings with Utah Water Users Association this month. She reported an interesting thing happened. Roy Watts has retired from the Roy Water Conservancy District. He held the position of First Vice President of the Utah Water Users. With his retirement, she will become the First Vice President and that will put her as the President at the meeting in March. She will be the first woman to hold this office. The Board commended General Manager Jorgensen and will support her in this office.

### **Financial Business – LaRall Thompson Approval of Financial Statements**

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

Vice Chairman Ross Rudd moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member LuAnn Adams. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Stokes, Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Forsgren, and Adams voted in favor of the motion.

### **Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt South Willard Waterline**

Chairman Burt requested a report on the South Willard water line purchase from Board Member Richard Day. He stated he took the offer letter from the District to the board of the South Willard Water Company and it was discussed at their work session. There was no one who disagreed with the sale of the water line to the District but they are still looking at it. The board of the South Willard Water Company will meet again next week. Board Member Day stated his concern is with two issues which are the money issue and people issue. He has a real concern with working through the people issue. He wants to talk to the customers involved and feels they should make the decision. He expressed concern that he has to sit on both sides. He wants to support the District but the people are shareholders in the company and will have to make the decision if they are willing to shift over to the District's system. Chairman Burt asked if they actually paid an amount to join South Willard Water Company. Board Member Day stated they did through the process with the State when their water source was messed up, their dues were paid. Board Member Holmgren stated he obtained some additional information about West Corinne Water Company shareholders when they transferred to the Brigham City water system. They were faced with a similar situation. West Corinne's attorney informed them as long as the people were provided with water those shareholders were not compensated for any water shares. They withdrew the stock and kept it with West Corinne Water Company. They each got a water connection from Brigham City and were served water. The status as a shareholder allowed them to be served water from the system which was the case to connect to Brigham City. General Manager Jorgensen stated it was her understanding that the

customers involved with the South Willard water line had not been issued certificates as they are a shareholder in the company but do not own water shares. Board Member Day stated the customers did not actually own water shares but were still designated as shareholders of South Willard Water Company giving them the right to be served water and they are entitled to a vote. General Manager Jorgensen felt if they were given the same water for the same rate and things were equal there should be no problem. Board Member Day stated he did not want to speak for them and felt those involved should meet together and vote on whether they want to convert to the District's water system and have the majority rule. It will have to be all connecting to the District or all staying with South Willard Water Company's system. Board Member Holmgren inquired should it not be a decision of the Board of Directors. Board Member Day replied it can't be the board's decision because these customers are shareholders and they are entitled to that service. General Manager Jorgensen felt it should be a board decision. Board Member Day stated the board will have to finally approve it but it will have to be based on a decision of the shareholders involved. Chairman Burt requested that this issue be resolved in the near future.

Vice Chairman Rudd inquired about the work of the Bear River Development Group. General Manager Jorgensen reported that when the study showed the costs for the Washakie Reservoir to be a billion dollars it caused fear of what the eventual cost of the water would be. Weber Basin and Jordan Valley Conservation Districts then asked for the costs for other sites to be brought up to date. The corridor study is still progressing but in some aspects has been put on hold until there is another overview of all the previous reservoir sites. Box Elder County will need that water for future development and especially for industrial growth. She is continually expressing the need of our county for our allocation to be maintained. She thought this project was way into the future but this is the last water to be developed for Weber Basin and Jordan Valley and they figure they will need it by 2035. Board Member Holmgren reported the amount of water from the Bear River going into the Great Salt Lake from the project is only 20% of the current amount of water going in now. He had an individual call him after the last Bear River Commission meeting who has an interest in the Woodruff-Merrills reservoir and wants to sell his interest to Salt Lake.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd. The motion was seconded by Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Stokes, Baugh, Holmgren, Day, Forsgren, and Adams voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.