

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 24, 2012 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 Ross Rudd, Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson, Charles Holmgren, LuAnn Adams, Brent Baugh, Roger Fridal and Tyler Vincent

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

Visitors: Bill Bigelow of Hansen Allen and Luce
Marisa Egbert and Eric Millis of Utah Division of Water Resources
Mike Collins of Bowen Collins & Associates

Excused: Board Members Brent Rose, Richard Day and Dave Forsgren

Invocation: Board Member Brent Baugh

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clint Burt

A motion was made by Board Member Charles Holmgren to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Adams, Baugh, Vincent and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held September 26, 2012

The minutes of the meeting held September 26, 2012 were included with the packet that was mailed to the Board Members. Board Member Holmgren noted an error in the minutes.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd to approve the minutes with the error correction for the meeting held September 26, 2012. The motion was seconded by Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Adams, Baugh, Vincent and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

**Bear River Development Study Update – DWR
Bowen Collins & Associates**

General Manager Jorgensen introduced Marisa Egbert and Eric Millis from the Utah Division of Water Resources and Mike Collins from Bowen Collins & Associates. Eric Millis addressed the Board concerning the Bear River Development Study. He explained the committee meets regularly and includes General Manager Jorgensen and Board Member Holmgren. They are projecting that a majority of the water from the Bear River Development will be needed in 2035. Box Elder and Cache Counties may need it sooner. Jordan Valley WCD and Weber Basin WCD estimate their allocation will be needed by 2035. He has been involved with Lake Powell pipeline. It takes a long time to develop these projects so they are working on it now. Bowen Collins & Associates are the consultants. He explained the study is now focusing on many reservoir sites and a proposed pipeline alignment. The Washakie site is a large site that would cover most of the storage needs but the study found it to be way more expensive than previously thought. The size of embankments became larger to avoid liquefaction with the Malad River as it ran through the reservoir site. The quality of the water in the Malad is a concern. The cost was approximately 900 million dollars for the reservoir and facilities to use the water. Mr. Millis presented a map of sites and the proposed pipeline corridor. He stated they may be acquiring land in the South Willard area in the next year or two. Most of the concern is because of the narrow strip between the mountain and Willard Bay leaves little room to locate the large pipeline. They have reviewed sites that were studied in the past. The list of 45 sites has been pared down to 9. In the evaluation of the reservoir sites, they are considering the amount of storage for reasonable cost and minimal environmental impacts. General Manager Jorgensen explained cost estimates for previously studied reservoir sites were brought to today's cost for fair evaluation. Box Elder County has an allocation of 60,000 acre feet of water from the Bear River Development. Cache County also has 60,000 acre feet. Weber Basin and Jordan Valley each have 50,000 acre feet. Board Member Holmgren stated the smaller reservoirs can be built as needed. Board Member LuAnn Adams questioned about having the water for agriculture. The water can be used for agriculture until it is needed for industry or other development. Mike Collins stated Box Elder County is the biggest and driest in the state and the assumption is that it will be needed here first.

Project Updates – Bill Bigelow and Bob Phippen

System Operator Bob Phippen presented a slide show of the progress in the project areas. Slides showed the moving of the Riverside / North Garland Meter Station, fencing that has been installed in Beaver Dam and the installation of the new pipeline in South Willard. The South Willard photos showed the end of the pipeline and the areas where two mobile home parks will be connected to the system for emergency back-up capability. General Manager Jorgensen explained negotiations with Gary Coleman and Dan Dimick have taken place and both have signed a memo of understanding and given permission to access their property. The District has helped other private water companies before. It will cost approximately \$17,000 in grant money to make connections to these two systems.

Board Member Charles Holmgren moved to have the District invest the grant money in the two water systems for back up. The motion was seconded by Board Member LuAnn Adams, Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Adams, Baugh, Vincent and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

Trustee Reports – Board Members

LuAnn Adams: reported Governor Gary Herbert is coming to Brigham City on Friday for a town hall meeting. Our legislators will also be in attendance. There are water issues to talk about and this will be a chance to give some input. She is pushing to get the Brigham City campus expansion for USU put on the Governor's priority list.

Charles Holmgren: reported the Canal Company has hired a new manager. Darren McFarland who currently works for Brinkerhoff Construction will start next Monday. Board Member Holmgren stated he believes he is capable and noted some of his previous experience. His first item of business is to hire a secretary in the office. He reported the Bear Lake level at 5915 feet. The Canal Company stopped taking storage water a week ago and lake elevation continued to drop. The recent storm has kept the lake from continuing to drop. The Bear River Commission will meet in Salt Lake City on November 13th.

Roger Fridal: noted it will be nice to have the Governor come to our county but he still has to win to be of any help to us. He reported on a meeting he attended of Kiwanis Club and heard a speech by Scott Howell who is running against Orrin Hatch. Board Member Fridal stated he did not hear anything from Mr. Howell that he disagreed with and felt he was an impressive person.

Tyler Vincent: agreed with Commissioner Adams that we should attend the meeting with the Governor. He expressed concern that Brigham City did not get the funding for USU last year and it needs to be put on the Governor's priority list. Brigham City is still interested and wants to move forward with it. He wanted to get it cleared up that Brigham City favors having USU. He suggested we show our support and air opinions.

Brent Baugh: No report

LaRall Thompson: No report

Ross Rudd: apologized for being unable to attend the Utah Water Summit due to family issues. He stated he was in a meeting with Ronda with the Brigham Mayor where he stated he favored USU and was willing to fight for it.

Clint Burt: No report

**General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen
Project Updates**

General Manager Jorgensen reported on the Utah Water Summit. She had participated in the program to welcome those in attendance and introduce guests. There were some very good presentations. She gave information and a comparison of water years for 2011 and 2012 showing maps of the water amounts. She also referred to graphs showing differences in river flow in 2011 and 2012 of different rivers in the state as reported at the Water Summit. Utah had a much better year in 2011. She explained Randy Julander's report of the Utah Water Outlook. There is 50-60% capacity in the reservoirs and the soil moisture has come up.

She gave some explanation of reasons for founding water conservancy districts. The Water Conservation Act of 1941 provided funding and authorization for water projects that are in the public interest. She explained that new legislation is being introduced relating to the conservation of water resulting from destroying the vegetation that grows on the side of the canals and the idea of filing for water rights on the conserved water. There are issues of calculation of amounts, who would own the rights and what would be beneficial uses.

She talked about current legislative issues where the push is for districts to use user fees to cover costs replacing property taxing authority. She will be addressing the interim committee regarding the need for property tax for water conservancy districts when it meets in November.

General Manager Jorgensen then advised the board that a lease agreement has been drawn up between the BRWCD and Riverside / North Garland Water Company. She showed a map and indicated where the meter station was relocated and the portion of the line west of the meter station that Riverside / North Garland will be leasing. The lease agreement provides for the leasing of the line by Riverside / North Garland with the option to purchase the line in 2026. Money paid for the lease will be credited toward the purchase. Riverside / North Garland will purchase 70 acre feet of water in the next twenty years at the rate of 20 acre feet every five years from the District. She stated the contract had been reviewed by Chairman Burt. General Manager Jorgensen stated she will use a similar agreement with Ukon Water Company.

A motion was made by Board Member Charles Holmgren to approve the lease agreement with Riverside / North Garland Water Company. Board Member Roger Fridal seconded the motion. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Adams, Baugh, Vincent and Fridal voted in favor of the motion.

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

The financial statements were prepared and provided to the Board Members in the packet that was mailed to them. Financial Chairman Thompson asked for the Board to review the statements and approve them. Board Member Fridal asked questions about the financial statement and the budgeted amounts shown. General Manager Jorgensen responded and explained the revenues are not all accounted for as yet and will be forth coming.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Roger Fridal. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and Board Members Holmgren, Fridal, Vincent, Adams and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

General Manager Jorgensen stated the budget for next year will be discussed at our next meeting on November 6th. The meeting date was changed to Tuesday in order for Board Members to attend the UASD Conference on Wednesday, November 7th to November 9th. The public hearing will be held on December 12th.

Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt

There was no unfinished business discussed.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Roger Fridal. The motion was seconded by Board Member Tyler Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Rudd, Financial Chairman Thompson and board members Holmgren, Fridal, Vincent, Baugh and Adams voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.