

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 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, Tyler Vincent, Roger Fridal, Neil Capener, Richard Day, Russ Howe, Jay Carter and Jeff Scott

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen, System Operator Robert Thayne and Administrative Assistant Cassee Harper

Visitors: Bill Bigelow, Hansen Allen and Luce

Excused: Robert Phippen

Invocation: Board Member Fridal

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clinton Burt

There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Baugh to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Board Member Howe. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held September 23, 2015.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held September 23, 2015 were included with the packet that was provided to the Board Members.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forsgren to approve the minutes for the meeting held September 23, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Member Capener. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

Project Updates – Robert Thayne

Rob presented a slide show of the landscaping recently done at the Beaver Dam pump house and reservoir. Whenever it rains the mountain sloughs and creates a hazard. He also presented a couple pictures from the South Willard well showing how the well drillers test pump is attached to the District's motor.

A new fire hydrant will be installed in the Bothwell area. The County Fire Marshal is requiring that new homes being built in Bothwell have either a fire hydrant installed near the home or have a fire suppression system installed in the house.

Trustees Reports

Jeff Scott – No Report

Jay Carter – No Report

Richard Day – No Report

Neil Capener – No Report

Roger Fridal – Tremonton is doing very well right now. We have enough water with the Conservancy District in our backyard and it is a good source.

Tyler Vincent – Life in Brigham is good as well.

Brent Baugh – No Report

Charles Holmgren – The Canal Company is working with Honeyville City and with developers in the area regarding canal alignment and fencing, etc. We are looking forward to possibly working out a project in the Collinston area where there is significant leakage in the canal. We are still negotiating with P&G about the canal alignment where there are some concerns as to how the water drains away from their property.

Dave Forsgren – No Report

Clint Burt – Asked Financial Chairman questions about the Bear River.

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

Weather Modification Contract –

We have received the Weather Modification contract from North American Weather Consultants for the Cloud Seeding Program for 2015-2016. The cloud seeding contract runs from November 1 through March 31 and Cache County will be participating. The State of Utah will pay 50% of the total cost with Box Elder County and Cache County sharing the cost of the other 50%. The District's contract will be for \$25,550. Last year there weren't very many storms to seed so the cost wasn't as much. The District has a standing resolution to participate in the cloud seeding program if Cache County participates; however, we would like to have a motion from the Board to sign the contract and expend the money to participate in the project.

A motion was made by Board Member Day to sign the contract with North American Weather Consultants for the 2015-2016 Cloud Seeding Program. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Capener, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion and Board Member Fridal abstained from voting. The motion passed.

South Willard Well Project – New Pump

The District has received three quotes for the new South Willard pump. One quote was incomplete and another was late and specified the wrong pump so they were disqualified. The quote from Peterson Brothers Drilling was the most responsive and we felt very comfortable with it. The officers met to discuss the quotes and I polled other board members for a majority vote so they were able to get the pump ordered. I would like a motion to ratify the decision of accepting the quote from Peterson Brothers Drilling.

A motion was made by Board Member Vincent to accept the quote from Peterson Brothers Drilling for \$42,900. The motion was seconded by Board Member Fridal. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

Master Plan Funding

We are moving forward on the Master plan and the identifying goals. There are six major goals for the Master Plan, 1) Outreach to Box Elder County to identify major water supply issues and needs, 2) Evaluate existing water resources and demands, 3) Develop Box Elder County's plans for the Bear River Water Development, 4) Prepare a Conservation Plan, 5) Enhance political involvement, and 6) Evaluate the possibility of a water rights "bank".

Bill Bigelow and I have talked with the Division of Drinking Water about funding the Master Plan. Michael Grange indicated they are willing to fund the District's master plan up to \$200,000 up to 10 years at 0% interest. Cache County's master plan cost well over \$200,000 and we are trying to follow their example so we feel we would like to fund at least \$150,000 towards the Master Plan. We may qualify for a grant. In the past we have received grants for approximately 20%. Board Member Scott mentioned he would like to include the District's Master plan in the County Resource Management Plan. The funding application is due to the Division of Drinking Water by November 9th. The DDW board meeting is in January.

A motion was made by Financial Chairman Holmgren to move forward with loans and grants from the Division of Drinking Water not to exceed \$200,000 to finance the BRWCD 2015 Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Board Member Capener. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

Financial Business – Financial Chairman Charles Holmgren Approval of Financial Statements

In the Board Member training with the State Auditor's office it was indicated that the Treasurer needs to review the deposits for the District in addition to the payments so I have started reviewing the deposits as well. Also, because of the board member training I feel I need to disclose to the board that I am compensated a small amount of money yearly from the State of Utah for lighting the cloud seeding generators located on my property. I am also on the Board of Water Resources.

The financial statements for September 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 Baugh 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 Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Financial Chairman Holmgren. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vincent. Chairman Burt, Vice Chairman Forsgren, Financial Chairman Holmgren and Board Members Scott, Carter, Howe, Day, Capener, Fridal, Vincent and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.