

**Bear River Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 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, Dave Forsgren and Tyler Vincent

Staff: General Manager Voneene Jorgensen
Administrative Assistant Judy Hartvigsen

Visitors: Bill Bigelow – Hansen Allen and Luce
Paul Larsen – Brigham City Economic Development
Tom Lee – Brigham City USU Campus

Excused: Board Members Roger Fridal, Brent Rose and Richard Day

Invocation: Financial Chairman LaRall Thompson

Adoption of the Agenda – Chairman Clint Burt

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting held October 24, 2012

The minutes of the meeting held October 24, 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 stated by Board Member Holmgren for the meeting held October 24, 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 Forsgren voted in favor of the motion.

**Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Agency of Brigham City
Paul Larsen**

Mr. Larsen addressed the board representing Brigham City Economic Development. He gave the board members a map of the project area boundary and explained the CDA is for the purpose of funding the main academic building for a new Utah State University campus in Brigham City. A draft copy of the interlocal cooperation agreement between Brigham City and BRWCD was provided to the board members in their packet that was mailed prior to the meeting. The project area takes in some of the Intermountain Indian School property that is the area of a previous RDA. The boundary of new CDA is the same as the previous RDA. The intent is to fund a bond to provide a local match for development of a new USU campus. He presented a conceptual drawing of the proposed campus on property purchased by Utah State University. The new main academic building will be located where the old K Mart building is now. As the campus grows there will be additional buildings added to the site. Mr. Larsen stated the development will have a lot of benefits for the county and drive the local economy. The Utah Legislature was sought for funding but they did not fund any new buildings. The same request will be made of the legislature in 2013 but adding some local funding will make it more favorable. They are told projects like this carry more weight when there is local match funding. They are on the County Commission meeting agenda as well as meetings for the school district and mosquito abatement district. Mr. Tom Lee represented Utah State University as the Brigham City campus Dean. He stated the University is not just asking the community for all the funds. The University will have spent just under 7 million of their funds on the project. The entire site will be graded and landscaped and will include a demonstration orchard and green areas for community recreation. When the project is complete, the university will have put in a third of the costs. Another third will come from the legislature and the other third from local funding. The County is also contributing with waiving of a portion of the tipping fees for dumping products of the demolition of the existing buildings that is up to about \$600,000. All the concrete and masonry will be crushed to fill holes from the buildings. The plan is to have 18 old existing buildings demolished by next summer. They are keeping one building for a museum of the Indian School and Bushnell Hospital. The new campus is to fulfill the university mission to make education accessible to the people. Currently, two thirds of students at the Brigham City campus are from Box Elder County. Commissioner LuAnn Adams spoke for the county stating we feel education is very important and having a campus makes a big difference in economic development. Board Member Vincent stated he feels education is extremely important and expressed his disappointment when the legislature did not fund the building last year. Board Member Forsgren asked about the costs to the District. General Manager Jorgensen explained the District currently loses \$130,000 yearly to existing RDAs. As the economy has slowed, the District cannot depend on impact fees and water revenue has dropped. We have to develop infrastructure with the costs up front to support our mission statement. A pipeline cannot be phased. The District has six bonds for this infrastructure that we are currently paying. Thus, the District is very dependent upon the tax revenue. General Manager Jorgensen stated she wants to support the educational goals of USU and asked questions regarding the costs to the District and

the amount of funds that would be provided to developers. Chairman Burt asked the Board Members whether they had any questions for Mr. Larsen or Mr. Lee.

Board Member LuAnn Adams made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Brigham City and Bear River Water Conservancy District. 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 Forsgren voted in favor of the motion.

Project updates – Bill Bigelow

Bill Bigelow gave an update of the South Willard project stating it is finished. A photo presentation showed the connections made with the Hot Springs Trailer Park and the Coleman Mobile Home Court. These areas will now have emergency back-up for their water systems and will be able to use water from the District's system as wholesale customers if they desire.

Presentation of Tentative 2013 Budget – Voneene Jorgensen

The tentative budget figures were handed out to the Board Members at the meeting. General Manager Jorgensen explained the budget summary. She went over all the itemized revenues and expenses for the previous year, the estimated balances for the end of 2012 and the estimated budget for 2013. She stated it is a balanced budget for the fiscal year of 2013 with a total of \$1,052,877.00.

Board Member Charles Holmgren moved to approve the tentative budget and set a public hearing for the 2013 budget on December 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Forsgren voted in favor of the motion.

Trustee Reports – Board Members

Ross Rudd: explained he will not be able to attend the upcoming conference. He complimented General Manager Jorgensen for her hard work on the budget and stated his appreciation for her. He commended the District for being in good fiscal shape.

LaRall Thompson: No Report

Brent Baugh: reported he will not be able to stay at the conference on Thursday night due to a meeting he must attend and regretted not being able to attend on Friday.

Tyler Vincent: appreciated the comments from the General Manager tonight regarding the interlocal agreement. He appreciated her for her fiscal concerns.

Dave Forsgren: No Report

Charles Holmgren: commented that it is a good investment in USU but often the state depends on funding from the local entities for state projects.

LuAnn Adams: reported there will be other RDAs coming. There is one being planned for the Cogburn project. The District may not be able to contribute to all of them.

Clint Burt: reported he sits on the taxing board and realizes the RDAs last for a long time. He feels if they are for 10 or less years they are more effective.

General Manager's Report – Voneene Jorgensen

General Manager Jorgensen thanked the Board for their support with the budget. She requested they read her written report that was included with the packet.

Utah's Water Future Video

General Manager Jorgensen explained a video of water development in the state is available on the web site www.utahwaterfuture.org. She recommended the board members take a look at it. A decision was made to conclude the meeting and view the video while the refreshments were served.

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.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ross Rudd 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 Holmgren, Forsgren, Vincent, Adams and Baugh voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business – Chairman Clint Burt

There was no unfinished business discussed.

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 Holmgren, Vincent, Baugh, Forsgren and Adams voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 35 p.m.