PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
September 15th, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

Present

Scott Jensen	Jeff Richens
Ed Chavez	Micha Marrelli
Chris Haycock	Kiera Luke
Bryan Thayn	
Terry Willis	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Jensen who welcomed all in attendance. He noted that all board members were in attendance and that the meeting would follow the order outlined in the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By invitation from Jensen, Haycock led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with agenda items.

MINUTES

After reviewing the meeting minutes, Haycock moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026. Chavez seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Willis shared that during the past month the Line Maintenance crews have continued daily maintenance, administrative duties, and support for other District departments. Staff responded to a leak in Wellington City, a 4-Mile Tank power failure, and assisted with meter reading and shut-off notifications. The water crew repaired leaking meter boxes at 900 E. Gentry Lane and 3540 N. 1130 W. and completed potholing at 530 W., where they identified that the water line is looped and installed a meter box for the homeowner. The sewer crew investigated a water leak at the South Price Vault and determined it was outside the vault where the mainline connects to the structure. Crews also continued camera inspections, sewer cleaning, weekly station checks, monthly siphon and rectifier inspections, and hauling crushed rock and road base for stock. The Blue Stakes crew is mapping test stations, completing daily and emergency requests, collecting monthly samples and residuals, and inspecting air/vacuum relief valves.

Haycock reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff continue collecting samples for the State COVID-19 and measles monitoring study and have collected and performed 286

samples and tests during the past two weeks. Most of this testing has been completed for process control, with additional analyses supporting the State Discharge Monitoring Report requirements. Crews have been removing sludge from the West Facultative Sludge Basin and hauling sludge from both the basin and drying bed to farm fields in Coal Creek. Routine lawn mowing and landscape maintenance have continued throughout the facility. Staff also conducted interviews to fill the open position as part of ongoing department staffing efforts.

Chavez shared that the Water Treatment Plant continues operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, producing an average of approximately 2.5 million gallons of treated water per day. Staff experienced a loss of radio communication with the backwash tank for approximately one week, but John Singleton replaced the UPS power supply, and communication is restored. Communication with the sludge building remains unavailable, preventing the decant pumps from operating in automatic mode and limiting visibility of the clarifier level. John has ordered a PLC component needed to restore the automatic pump controls and level indication. Staff have also been gathering information for engineers regarding the chlorine hoist beam design. The goal is to improve and modernize the existing 1978 chlorine receiving system while increasing safety and efficiency. Crews have continued trimming tree branches behind the sand trap and along the aqueduct to prevent interference with the communication signal between the plant and diversion.

Lastly, Thayn shared that the Fleet Department continues maintaining District vehicles, trucks, and heavy equipment through preventive maintenance inspections, fueling, greasing, washing, and repairs as needed. The Miller TIG welder remains out of service after unsuccessful in-house repairs, and Linde Corporation recommended sending it to a contracted repair facility for diagnosis and cost evaluation. The unit is currently awaiting service due to a backlog. The Hotsy hot water pressure washer has been installed but continues to experience intermittent issues related to a faulty IDEC smart relay. Royce Industries is working to locate a replacement for the outdated part. The WWTP Husqvarna zero-turn mower was repaired after its blade spindles failed, with new greaseable spindles and the mower returned to service. The Vactor developed a major air leak beneath the cab which was temporarily repaired by replacing a coupler. A more extensive repair involving replacement of pneumatic hoses and fittings will be completed during the off-season unless the issue worsens. Grounds work included mowing and trimming the Service Center lawns, inspecting and clearing a blockage from the RV dump station sewer manhole, and continuing concrete and drainage improvements along the north side of the East Maintenance Building.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens reported that Project Everest submitted an additional $3,420 payment, leaving more than $40,000 outstanding, will be contacting the company regarding the remaining balance. Although Project Everest has stepped away from the project, a representative working with Valar Atomics has begun asking questions about water availability in the Coal Creek area. Richens expressed concern about the potential water demand of a major business and discussed limiting usage to approximately 100 gallons per minute, with additional storage and pumping capacity potentially needed to provide adequate fire flow. The parties have also discussed effluent reuse requiring additional treatment at the wastewater plant. Richens explained the District's current limitations and the upgrades that would be required. These discussions are still in the very preliminary stages, and additional information will be brought back to the Board as the project develops.

Richens then shared that Scofield Reservoir is currently estimated to be approximately 36% full, with the season expected to conclude on October 1 and have adequate water for the remainder of the year.

Richens also reported that Curtis Page will provide a math class on September 17 to assist employees preparing for upcoming water distribution and treatment testing. Lastly, he noted that department supervisors are scheduled to attend the next Board meeting to present their proposed budgets.

APPROVE PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE CHANGE OF STATUS

Pat Hanson has completed the probationary review for John Hreinson and is recommending that his status be changed to permanent. Willis moved to approve the change of status for John Hreinson. Thayn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

APPROVE WWTP NEW HIRE

Blaine and Jake reviewed candidates for the open Wastewater Treatment Plant position and recommended hiring Charles Cummins. Cummins has previous water treatment experience and holds a CDL. Chavez moved to approve hiring Charles Cummins at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Haycock seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

The Board also discussed beginning the process of identifying a replacement for Ross Bryner in anticipation of his expected retirement around July 1, 2027. Richens will request a formal letter from Bryner confirming his retirement intentions, and the remainder of the discussion was tabled until that information is received.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

With no further business at that point, Chavez moved to adjourn the meeting. Willis seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 7:27 pm. AYE: Willis, Haycock, Jensen, Chavez, and Thayn.

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Scott Jensen, Chairman

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Kim Sandoval, Clerk