I. Chairman Don Riske called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Secretary Floyd Field called the roll of Commissioners.

Commissioners Attendance:
Don Riske, Chairman
Charles Murray, Vice-Chairman
Floyd Field, Secretary
Bill Bensel
Dan Budd
Dick Geving
George Jost
Anne MacKinnon
Wayne Voss
Robert Yemington

A quorum was declared present.

Advisors in Attendance:
Harry LaBonde, State Engineer’s Office
Larry Pochop, University of Wyoming

III. A motion to approve the October 21, 2003 minutes, as amended, was made by Bill Bensel, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried.

IV. Financial Report. Mike Besson reported that the balances in water accounts no. 1 and no. 2, as updated by the January 2003 CREG report, were approximately $39.6 million and $20.6 million, respectively. The resulting balances from the proposed 2004 program would be $13,988,539 and $9,952,567 in water accounts no. 1 and no. 2. Also, the resulting balances after approval of the proposed applications in the small water project program would be $0 and $175,000 in water accounts no. 1 and no. 2.

V. Amendments

- Albin Well and Water Supply Study, Level II

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Benchmark of Cheyenne was presented. The amendment serves to release the
retainage to the drilling subcontractor and extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2004.

- Canyon Sunset Water Supply Study, Level II

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Stetson Engineering, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2004.

- Cheyenne Hydropower Study, Level II

A final amendment to the engineering contract with ECI was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final products, documents the final contract budget at $59,000, and releases retainage.

- Hidden Valley Pipeline Project, Level II

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Anderson Consulting Engineers, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final products, documents the final contract budget at $82,300, and releases retainage.

- Ten Sleep Water Supply Study, Level II

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Lidstone and Associates, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to June 30, 2004.

- Testing of Hydrologic Models for Estimating Streamflow in Mountainous Areas of Wyoming

A final amendment to the contract with Lowham Engineering was presented. The amendment serves to increase the budget by $2,853.05, document WWDC acceptance of the final products, documents the final contract budget at $50,853.05, and releases retainage.

- Viva Naughton Enlargement Project, Level II

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with ECI was presented. The amendment serves to finalize the Phase I budget at $136,520.09 and amends Phase II tasks to perform additional flood analysis and hydrology modeling and cost estimates for an additional budget of $9,800.
Wind/Bighorn River Basin Plan, Level I

A final amendment to the engineering contract with BRS, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final products, documents the final contract budget at $846,485, and releases retainage.

Discussion followed. George Jost made a motion to approve all amendments as presented, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried.

VI. Construction Documents

- Basin Raw Water Supply Project

A project agreement with the Town of Basin was presented. Project components include the rehabilitation and expansion of existing facilities to provide a dependable raw water supply. The WWDC portion of project funding is a $202,000 grant.

- Casper Alcova Irrigation District Rehabilitation Needs Analysis

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Anderson Consulting Engineers, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final products, documents the final contract budget at $205,518.16, and releases retainage.

Discussion followed. Dick Geving made a motion to approve the documents as presented, seconded by Anne MacKinnon. The motion carried.

VII. Level I, New Development

Mike Besson indicated that all the project recommendations made during the December 2 and 3 meeting were preliminary and would be finalized at the January 13, 2004 meeting.

- Crook County Reservoirs

The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $150,000. Dee Zimmerschied and Skip Waters of the Crook County Irrigation District addressed the needs of the study. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Chuck Murray. The motion carried.
Kirby Reservoir and Alternate Re-regulation Reservoirs
The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $150,000. Roger Bower and Joe Wildman, West Side Irrigation District, addressed the recommendation. Dan Budd made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Wayne Voss. The motion carried with Anne MacKinnon in opposition.

Northern Arapaho Groundwater
The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program at Level II with a budget of $700,000. Allison Sage, Dean Goggles, Gerry Redman, and Travis Brockie of the Northern Arapaho Business Council/Utilities addressed the application and recommendation. Chuck Murray made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

West Side Irrigation NEPA Analysis
The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $250,000. Roger Bower and Joe Wildman, West Side Irrigation District, presented a status report regarding the federal land transfer issue. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Wayne Voss. The motion carried.

VII. Level I Rehabilitation

Crowheart Area/Dinwoody Canal System
The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program with a budget of $150,000. Gary Collins, Billy O’neal, and Scott Ratliff of the Tribal Water Engineers Office addressed the application and recommendation. Chuck Murray made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

Washam System Improvements
The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program with a budget of $40,000. Joel Simons and Dale Eyre of the Washam Improvement District addressed the application. A motion to deny the application was made by Dick Geving, seconded by Dan Budd. Discussion followed. The motion carried with George Jost and Bob Yemington in opposition.
VIII. Level II, New Development

- **Albin Well and Water Supply Study**
  A status report on the current project was presented by Kevin Boyce. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the New Development Program with additional funding of $140,000. Wayne Voss made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Chuck Murray. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

- **Alta Test Well**
  Subconsultant Bern Hinckley, Hinckley Consulting, presented a status report on the current project. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II with additional funding of $65,000 in the New Development Program. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by George Jost, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried with Anne MacKinnon abstaining from the vote and Chuck Murray, Dan Budd and Dick Geving in opposition.

- **Baggs Line, Tank and Raw Water**
  A status report on the current project was presented by Phil Ogle. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level II in the New Development Program with a budget of $50,000. Discussion followed. Dan Budd made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

- **Canyon Water Supply**
  The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the New Development Program with additional funding of $600,000. Tracy Hunt and Bill Lunney of the Canyon Improvement and Service District, and Corky Stetson and Dave Myers of Stetson Engineering addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to table the project to the January meeting was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Bill Bensel. The motion carried.

- **Cheyenne Belvoir Ranch**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $350,000. Tim Wilson and Herman Noe, Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities addressed the application and recommendation. Discussion followed. Bob Yemington made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

- **Eight Mile Water Supply**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program...
Program with a budget of $60,000. Jay Gomez and Duaine Faucett of the Eight Mile Improvement and Service District and Kodi Majors of the High Plains Subdivision addressed the application. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Bob Yemington; seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.

- **Encampment-Sierra Madre Water Supply**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $250,000. Bill Craig, Town of Encampment and Paul McCarthy, PMPC, addressed the application. Anne MacKinnon made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried.

- **Evanston-Bear River Regional**
  A status report on the current project was presented by Kevin Boyce. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level II in the New Development Program with a budget of $70,000. Fred Sanders and Robin Rhodes, Town of Bear River, addressed the application. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Chuck Murray, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried.

- **Glenrock Well and Tank**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $600,000. David Andrews, Town of Glenrock, addressed the application. Discussion followed. Floyd Field made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried.

- **Hyattville Water Supply**
  A status report on the current project was presented. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level II in the New Development Program with a budget of $600,000. Additionally, project study funding is conditional upon the formation of a legal entity. Keith Hamilton, Hyattville Water Company, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

- **Pine Bluffs Lance-Fox Hills Well**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $475,000. Leonard Anderson, Town of Pine Bluffs and Chris Lidstone, Lidstone Associates, addressed the
recommendation. Discussion followed. Dick Geving made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried.

- **Ray Lake Enlargement**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $100,000. Gary Collins and Scott Ratliff, Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Chuck Murray. In addition, the water right issues must be resolved prior to proceeding to Level III. The motion carried.

- **Shoshone Groundwater Development**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $50,000. Gary Collins, Tribal Water Office, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Dan Budd made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation; seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.

- **Weather Modification Study**
  The proposed state project was detailed by Barry Lawrence. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program with a budget of $100,000. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dan Budd, seconded by George Jost. The motion carried with Bob Yemington, Bill Bensel and Anne MacKinnon in opposition.

IX. **Level II Continuing, New Development**

- **Big Horn Regional**
  A project status report was presented by Kevin Boyce. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the New Development Program with additional funding of $925,000. John Joyce, Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board and Chris Lidstone, Lidstone and Associates, addressed the recommendation. Tom Reese, attorney; Monty Hoffman, geologist; and John Wright, petroleum engineer, all from Phoenix Production Company, presented materials opposing the development of both test wells. Matt and Teresa Brown also spoke. Dick Geving made a motion to deny the preliminary recommendation; seconded by Dan Budd. Discussion followed. The motion carried with Bill Bensel in opposition.
- **Dubois Water Supply**
  A project status report was presented by Kevin Boyce. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the New Development Program with additional funding of $400,000. Bob Baker, Town of Dubois, and Dave Myers, Stetson Engineering, addressed the recommendation. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dan Budd, seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.

- **Saratoga Test Well**
  A project status report was presented. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the New Development Program with additional funding of $160,000. Bern Hinckley, Hinckley Consulting, addressed the recommendation. Bob Yemington made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried with Anne MacKinnon abstaining from the vote.

X. Level II, Rehabilitation

- **Greybull Wells**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program with a budget of $475,000. Ron Vanderpool, Town of Greybull, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dick Geving, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried.

- **Heart Mountain Screen**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The amended preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program with a budget of $100,000. Jim Flowers, Heart Mountain Irrigation District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Chuck Murray made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation; seconded by Wayne Voss. The motion carried.

- **Kennington Springs**
  A project status report was presented by Chris Abernathy. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level II in the Rehabilitation Program with a budget of $100,000. Additionally, project study funding is conditional upon the formation of a legal entity. Lee Hyde, Kennington Springs Pipeline Company, addressed the recommendation. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried with Bill Bensel in opposition.
Lake DeSmet Master Plan, Phase 2
Philo Ogle presented a project status report. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the Rehabilitation Program with additional funding of $150,000. Bruce Yates, Tracy Rhodes, and Steve Cox, Lake DeSmet Counties Coalition, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Dan Budd made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation; seconded by Chuck Murray. The motion carried.

Mead Creek Ditch Study
A project status report on the Prairie Dog Level I study was presented by Phil Ogle. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level II in the Rehabilitation Program with a budget of $75,000. Additionally, project study funding is conditional upon the formation of a legal entity. Martin MacCarty, Mead Creek Ditch Company, addressed the recommendation. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Bill Bensel, seconded by Anne MacKinnon. The motion carried.

Worland Wells Test
Jon Wade and Kevin Boyce presented the project application. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the study into the Rehabilitation Program with a budget of $40,000. Gene Cliame, City of Worland, and Mark Stacy, Lidstone and Associates, addressed the recommendation. Wayne Voss made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Bill Bensel. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

XI. Level II Continuing, Rehabilitation

Midvale Conservation Program, Sand Gulch Reservoir
A project status report was presented. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the Rehabilitation Program with additional funding of $75,000. Lee Arrington, Midvale Irrigation District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Wayne Voss. The motion carried.

Wagoner/Cherokee Irrigation District, Phase 2
Philo Ogle presented a project status report. The preliminary recommendation was to continue the project at Level II in the Rehabilitation Program with additional funding of $35,000. Paul McCarthy, PMPC, addressed the recommendation. Anne MacKinnon made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.
XII. Level III, New Development

- **Bedford Water Tank**
  Mike Besson detailed the project. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the New Development Program with a 50% grant of $500,000. Bedford Water and Sewer District members Bart Barge, Syl McNinch, and Bruce Robinson addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by George Jost, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

- **Casper Raw Water Irrigation**
  Mike Besson presented the project application. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program at Level III with a 50% grant of $452,500. Hal Hutchinson, City of Casper, and Barry Venn, CEPI, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Floyd Field made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by George Jost. The motion was defeated.

- **Dayton Well**
  Mike Besson detailed the project. The amended preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the New Development Program to transfer the well to the municipality after the well has been purchased for $177,500 and a 50% grant of $3,000 to purchase trees for well easement mitigation. Mayor Bob Wood and Dave Engels, EnTech addressed the recommendation. Bill Bensel moved to approve the preliminary recommendation, as amended, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried with Dan Budd in opposition.

- **Dubois SCADA**
  Mike Besson detailed the project. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the New Development Program with a 50% grant of $45,000. Mayor Bob Baker and Dave Myers, Stetson Engineering, addressed the recommendation. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dick Geving, seconded by Anne MacKinnon. The motion carried.

- **Glenrock Sunup Ridge Tank**
  Mike Besson presented the project application. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program with a 50% grant of $132,750 and a 50% loan of $132,750. David Andrews, Town of Glenrock and Mike Hand, WWDC, addressed the recommendation. Dan Budd made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Anne MacKinnon. The motion carried.
• Grieve & Cottonwood Creek Dams
  Mike Besson detailed the project. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the New Development Program with a 50% grant of $2,900,000. In addition, funding is contingent upon the project obtaining small watershed federal funding. Larry Hicks, Little Snake River Conservation District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Floyd Field. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

• Hidden Valley Pipeline
  Mike Besson detailed the project. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the Rehabilitation Program with a grant of $1,474,103 to pay for all materials and the district providing all labor and equipment. Lee Arrington, Midvale Irrigation District, addressed the recommendation. Chuck Murray made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Wayne Voss. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

• Sandy Lake Estates Service Extension
  Mike Besson presented the project application. Funding is not recommended due to ineligible project costs. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Floyd Field; seconded by Bill Bensel. The motion carried.

• Sleepy Hollow Pipeline
  Mike Besson presented the project application. The preliminary recommendation was to postpone the project until the supply well has been drilled. Dan Budd made a motion to table the project to the January meeting, seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.

• Sunset Pipeline
  Mike Besson detailed the project. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the New Development Program with a 50% grant of $212,500 and a 50% loan of $212,500. Dorla Sackett and Tracy Pinter of the Sunset Water District and Dave Myers, Stetson Engineering, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried.

XIII. Level III Continuing, New Development

• Bairoil Water Supply
  The town is requesting a two-year extension to allow adequate time to obtain a BLM use/easement permit on a well and transmission line locations. Also, the sponsor is requested that the project description be
amended to include the deepening of an existing town well. No additional funds would be required. The preliminary recommendation was to amend the project description and extend the reversion date to July 1, 2006. Floyd Field made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

- **Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board Pipeline**
  The sponsor is requesting additional funding for the northern portion of the project, which includes Worland, Basin, Greybull, Washakie Rural Improvement and Service District, and South Big Horn County Water Supply Joint Powers Board. The preliminary recommendation was to provide additional grant funding of $13,628,500. John Joyce, Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board, Gene Cliame, Worland and Susan Holmes, HKM addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Wayne Voss, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried with Dan Budd in opposition.

- **Newcastle Water Supply**
  The sponsor is requesting a time extension if a new water storage tank and pipelines is needed after a third booster pump is installed. The preliminary recommendation was to extend the reversion date to July 1, 2007. Town Engineer Bob Hartley addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Bob Yemington made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried.

- **Washakie Rural Water Supply**
  A revised pipeline configuration for this system has resulted in a $2 million savings. The USDA Rural Utilities Service has agreed to de-obligate $500,000 of the Washakie Rural District’s loan. In order to accomplish the loan reduction and insure full use of the WWDC’s grant, the sponsor is requesting that the WWDC’s percentage contribution be raised from 60% to 67%. The grant amount will remain unchanged. The preliminary recommendation was to change the WWDC percentage of participation from 60% to 67%. Don Livingston, Engineering Associates, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Wayne Voss, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried with Dan Budd abstaining from the vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.
Wyoming Water Development Commission
Select Water Committee Joint Meeting
December 3, 2003
Casper, Wyoming

I. Chairman Don Riske called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

II. Secretary Floyd Field called the roll of Commissioners.

Commissioners Attendance:
Don Riske, Chairman
Charles Murray, Vice-Chairman
Floyd Field, Secretary
Bill Bensel
Dan Budd
Dick Geving
George Jost
Anne MacKinnon
Wayne Voss
Robert Yemington

A quorum was declared present.

Advisors in Attendance:
Harry LaBonde, State Engineer’s Office

The agenda was resumed from December 2, 2003

XIV. Level III, Rehabilitation

- Albin Pipelines
  The project was detailed by Kevin Boyce. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the Rehabilitation Program with a 50% grant of $215,000. In addition, funding is contingent upon clear acquisition of the Station Well from the Union Pacific Railroad. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dick Geving, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

- Casper Alcova Ditch
  The project was detailed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the Rehabilitation Program with a 50% grant for materials of $595,000. Herman Strand and John Bentley, Casper Alcova Irrigation District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Dan Budd made a
motion to approve the preliminary recommendation; seconded by Bill Bensel. The motion carried.

- **Gillette Madison & Pine Ridge Tanks**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program at Level III with a 50% grant of $1,118,000. Dan Roberts, City of Gillette and Corky Stetson, Stetson Engineering, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

- **Guernsey Tank and Lines**
  A status report was presented by Bruce Brinkman. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the Rehabilitation Program with a 50% grant of $615,000. Discussion followed. Anne MacKinnon made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried.

- **Heart Mountain Pipe Conversion**
  The project application was reviewed by Mike Besson. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program at Level III with a 50% materials grant of $602,110. Jim Flowers, Heart Mountain Irrigation District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dick Geving, seconded by Chuck Murray. The motion carried.

- **Lake Hattie Dam**
  A status report was presented by Bruce Brinkman. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the Rehabilitation Program with a 50% grant of $81,500 and a 50% loan of $81,500. Dave Moore and Jim Talbott, Pioneer Canal-Lake Hattie Irrigation District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Bill Bensel made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.

- **Saratoga Storage Standpipe**
  A status report was presented by Bruce Brinkman. The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the Rehabilitation Program with a 50% grant of $200,000 and a 50% loan of $200,000. Paul McCarthy, PMPC, addressed the recommendation. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dick Geving; seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

- **Turnerville Water Supply Spring, Pipeline & Tank**
The preliminary recommendation was to advance the project to Level III in the Rehabilitation Program with a 50% grant of $587,750. Lonnie Garrett, Turnerville Water and Sewer District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Dan Budd made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Wayne Voss. The motion carried.

- Wind River Irrigation Project
Mike Besson presented the project application. The preliminary recommendation was to incorporate the project into the Rehabilitation Program at Level III with a 50% grant of $3.5 million. In addition, the funding is contingent upon federal funding and that a repair and maintenance account be established. Gary Collins, Tribal Water Engineers Office and Berthema Crocker, Northern Arapahoe Tribe, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Chuck Murray, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

XV. Level III Continuing, Rehabilitation

- Byron Raw Water Supply
A status report was presented. The preliminary recommendation was to fund Phase 2 of the project with a 50% grant of $470,000 and a 30% loan of $282,000. Ty McConnell, town of Byron, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. Anne MacKinnon made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Wayne Voss. The motion carried.

- Goshen Irrigation District Water System
Funds were appropriated in 2000 to purchase materials for the rehabilitation of 26 canal and lateral segments. All of the sites will be complete by the 2004 irrigation season. However, less than 60% of the funds have been expended, and the district has nearly 20 remaining canal and lateral segments to convert from open ditch to pipe. The district has requested that the project reversion date be extended. The preliminary recommendation was to extend the project reversion date to July 1, 2007. Bill Vandivort, Goshen Irrigation District and Brad Anderson, Anderson Consulting Engineers addressed the recommendation. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Floyd Field. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

- Powell Water Supply
The town of Powell is requesting additional funding to complete the final phase of the project, which for control vaults and appurtenances for the new storage tank. The preliminary recommendation was to provide additional funding of $200,000 as a 50% grant and $200,000 as a 50% loan. Sean Christensen, Town of Powell and Don Livingston, Engineering
Associates, addressed the recommendation. Dick Geving made a motion to approve the preliminary recommendation, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

- Riverton Raw Water Irrigation
  The design of the two laterals slated for rehabilitation was funded in 2001, the request is to fund the project construction. The preliminary recommendation was to provide additional funding a 50% grant of $1,001,500 and a 50% loan of $1,001,500. Bill Urbigkit, city of Riverton, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the preliminary recommendation was made by Chuck Murray, seconded by Anne MacKinnon. The motion carried.

XVI. Groundwater Exploration Program

Kevin Boyce summarized the proposed ground water exploration grant to the Skyline Ranch Improvement and Service District for the drilling of an exploratory public water supply well. Discussion followed. A motion to deny the grant was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried.

XVII. Small Water Projects Program

- Criteria
  Don Riske outlined the proposed amendments to the draft criteria, as discussed at the December 1, 2003 workshop. Dan Budd made a motion to accept the draft criteria, as amended, seconded by Bob Yemington. The motion carried with Chuck Murray in opposition.

- Project Agreement Amendments
  Contract expiration dates need to be extended to December 31, 2004 on the following project agreements:
  - Sweetwater County Conservation District, Central Well project
  - Sweetwater County Conservation District, Big Bend Pasture Well project
  - Sweetwater County Conservation District, Four Mile/Emigrant Pits project
  - Washakie County Conservation District, Gooseberry Creek Ranch Well project
  - Washakie County Conservation District, Crowfoot Ranch Well project
  - Weston County Natural Resource District, Perino Pipeline Project
  - Natrona County Conservation District, East Dry Creek #1 Well project
A motion to approve amendments for all seven project agreements was made by Dick Geving, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

- New Development Applications
  Mary Thoman, Sweetwater Conservation District and various representatives of the Big Sandy Working Group presented applications from the Sweetwater County Conservation District for the following projects:
    - Migration Well, Asperation Well, Gasson Well #2, Four Mile Gulch Well, Bench Well, Lombard Well, Emigrant Well, Bad Land Well, Blue Forest Well, Jensen Well, Twelve Mile Sink Well
  The reservoirs and water wells are components of the Riparian Habitat Enhancement Project, which desires to improve water quantity and quality. The recommendation was to fund each project with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the applications for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit for the projects as set forth in the applications and Environmental Assessment was made by Dan Budd, seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.

An application from the Little Snake River Conservation District was presented by Larry Hicks. The project would construct the Old Steve Adams Duck Pond #5 in the Muddy Creek drainage with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. The project has support and funding by Ducks Unlimited, USFWS Partners for Wildlife, and NRCS. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the application for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit for the project as set forth in the application was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

An application from the Weston County Natural Resources District was presented by Carol Nichols and Keith Culver, NRCS. The project would construct the Jones Water Project in the Johnson Draw drainage with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. The project has the support and participation of NRCS. A motion to approve the application for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit for the project as set forth in the application was made by Bill Bensel, seconded by Chuck Murray. The motion carried.

- Rehabilitation Program
  An application from the Sheridan County Conservation District was presented by John Chase. The project would construct the Cabin Creek Water Development Pipeline in the Cabin Creek drainage with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. The project has the support and participation of NRCS. A letter dated August 8, 2003 from the Wyoming
Game and Fish Department regarding public benefits was presented. A motion to approve the application for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit for the project as set forth in the application and letter was made by George Jost, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

An application from the North Platte Valley Conservation District was presented by Rusty Schwartz, NRCS, and applicant, Dave Hergert. The project would construct the TY Ranch Supplemental Livestock Water in the Sheep Creek drainage with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. The project has the support and participation of the NRCS. A letter dated July 31, 2003 from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department regarding public benefits was presented. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the application for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit for the project as set forth in the application and letter was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Chuck Murray. The motion carried.

An application from the Little Snake River Conservation District was presented by Larry Hicks. The project would rehabilitate the Poison Buttes/Cottonwood Draw Grazing Allotment Stock Ponds with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. The project area supports the Bitter Creek antelope herd and is a portion of the Muddy Creek Watershed project, which received 319 monies. A motion to approve the application for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit for the project as set forth in the application was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by George Jost. The motion carried.

An application from the Weston County Natural Resource District was presented by Carol Nichols and Keith Culver, NRCS. The project would construct the Dixon Summer Project I the Newton Draw drainage with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. The project has the support and participation of the NRCS. A letter dated September 29, 2003 from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department regarding public benefits was presented. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the application for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit for the project as set forth in the application was made by Bob Yemington, seconded by Chuck Murray. The motion carried.

An application from the Laramie Rivers Conservation District was presented by Mark Shirley, NRCS. The project would rehabilitate the Croonberg Water Development project in the Little Laramie River drainage with a 50% grant, not to exceed $25,000. A letter dated November 7, 2003 from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department regarding public benefits was presented. A motion to approve the application for funding through the SWPP based upon the Commission’s finding of public benefit
for the project as set forth in the application and letter was made by Dan Budd, seconded by Floyd Field. The motion carried.

XVII. Consultant Selection

Public hearings will be held January 5-9, 2004. Hearing Officer assignments among the commissioners were proposed for the various hearings.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Field
Secretary