

Wyoming Water Development Commission Meeting  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
January 6, 2010

I. Chair Bill Bensel called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

II. Secretary Mitch Cottenoir called the roll of Commissioners:

Commissioner's Attendance:

Bill Bensel, Chair  
Dick Geving, Vice-Chair  
Mitch Cottenoir, Secretary  
Dan Budd  
Floyd Canfield  
Shawn Hall  
Bill Resor  
Kent Shurtleff  
Jim Wilson

Absent:

Anne MacKinnon

Advisors in Attendance:

Jane Caton, Attorney General's Office  
Greg Kerr, University of Wyoming  
Harry LaBonde, State Engineer's Office

III. Audience Introductions

IV. A motion to approve the November 5 and 6, 2009 minutes was made by Jim Wilson, seconded by Dan Budd. The motion carried.

V. Planning Amendments

- *Austin Wall Canal/Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation Project, Level I.* A final amendment to the engineering contract with Sunrise Engineering was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final report and to finalize the contract budget at \$98,463.25.

- *Gillette Regional Master Plan, Level I.* A final amendment to the engineering contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final report and to finalize the contract budget at \$344,979.00.

- *LaBarge Water Supply, Level II.* An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Rendezvous Engineering was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to June 30, 2010.
- *Squaw Creek Water District.* A final amendment to the Ground Water Exploration Grant contract with the Squaw Creek Water District was presented. The amendment serves to finalize the contract budget at \$124,472.76.
- *Thunder Basin Watershed Improvement Study, Level I.* A final amendment to the engineering contract with Olsson Associates was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final report and finalizes the contract budget at \$271,870.59.

A motion was made by Dick Geving to accept all documents as presented, seconded by Bill Resor. The motion carried.

- *Big Sandy Reservoir.* Engineering and Technical Services Agreements are being negotiated with the US Bureau of Reclamation to perform a bathometric survey and a reservoir hydrologic analysis. Mike Purcell requested authorization to sign the two agreements, in final form, with a not to exceed combined total of \$35,000. Jim Wilson made a motion to grant said authorization to Mike Purcell, seconded by Dan Budd. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

- VI. Financial Status Report. Mike Purcell reported that the balances remaining in water account nos. I, II, and III, if the 2010 preliminary recommendation were adopted, would be \$29.5 million, \$10.0 million, and \$128.1 million, respectively.
- VII. Omnibus Water Bill – Construction (10LSO-0204.W1)

Director Mike Purcell presented the Level III funding recommendations for the New Development, Rehabilitation, and Storage Programs that were preliminarily approved at the WWDC meeting in November. Those recommendations were as follows:

*New Development*

Buffalo Pipeline	\$ 1,182,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years
Burns Storage Tank	930,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years
Casper Zone IV Improvements	663,300	67% grant, 33% match
Cook Road Well	1,200,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 20 years
Ethete Water Supply	2,680,000	67% grant, 33% match
Farview Water Supply	100,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 20 years
Jackson Storage Tanks	4,000,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years
Owl Creek Rural Water Supply	3,182,500	67% grant, 33% match
South Laramie Water Supply	3,100,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 20 years
South Thermopolis Water Supply	2,117,200	67% grant, 33% match
Wamsutter Well 2010	757,100	67% grant, 33% match

*Rehabilitation*

Casper Alcova Rehabilitation 2010	477,040	67% grant, 33% match
Heart Mountain Rehabilitation 2010	1,180,000	Materials only
Little Snake Diversions	990,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 20 years
Midvale Rehabilitation 2010	263,000	Materials only
Rawlins Atlantic Rim Reservoir	4,000,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years
Willwood Rehabilitation 2010	746,000	Materials only

*Existing Projects, additional appropriation*

Deer Creek Project	(9,000,000)	Reduce appropriation, PMP debt service
Little Snake R Valley Dam/Reservoir		Level III funds to debt service
Little Snake R Small Dams/Reservoirs		Use existing appropriation
Small Water Development Projects, ND		Time extension
Byron Raw Water		Abandon project
Wind River Irrigation		Time extension
Pine Haven Transmission 2006		Time extension
Squaw Creek Well Field		Time extension
Midvale ID Conservation/Automation		Time extension
Pinedale Pipelines	3,570,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years
Rawlins Atlantic Rim Pipeline	2,550,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years
Riverton Water Supply	2,125,200	67% grant, 10% loan, 4%, 20 years
Star Valley Ranch	2,375,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years
Big Horn Canal Rehab 2009	235,000	67% grant, 33% loan, 4%, 30 years

A motion to adopt the Omnibus Water Bill – Construction (10LSO-0204.W1) was made by Shawn Hall, seconded by Bill Resor.

Amendments to the omnibus construction bill:

- *Arapaho Water Supply.* The Director's recommendation was to incorporate the project into the New Development Program at Level III status with an appropriation of \$385,250. This appropriation would serve as a 67% grant with the North Arapaho Business Council being responsible for the remaining 33% of the project costs. In addition, the Northern Arapaho Business Council will be responsible for 33% of the construction costs for the Level II well. Gerald Redman, Northern Arapaho Utility Service, addressed the recommendation. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Dick Geving, seconded by Mitch Cottenoir. Discussion followed. The motion carried.
- *Cook Road Well.* The Cook Road Water District requested and the Director recommended an increase of \$90,000 in the proposed appropriation to allow for the construction of a transmission pipeline from the new well to the existing water supply system. Mike Fuller, Cook Road Water District, addressed the amended recommendation. Discussion followed. Bill Resor made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Kent Shurtleff. The motion carried.
- *Ethete Water Supply.* It was recommended that the grant appropriation be reduced from \$2,680,000 to \$2,000,000 and the grant be reduced from 67% to 50% as the Rural Utilities Service is providing 50% of the funding. Gerald Redman, Northern Arapaho Utility Service, addressed the amendment. A motion

to accept the recommendation was made by Kent Shurtleff, seconded by Jim Wilson. The motion carried.

➤ *Deer Creek.* It was recommended that the reduction in the appropriation be revised from \$9,000,000 to \$8,250,000. Dan Budd made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Floyd Canfield. The motion carried.

➤ *Byron Raw Water.* A history of the project was presented. A planning study was performed in 2002, and construction funding was approved during the 2003, 2004, and 2008 sessions. Discussion followed regarding the repayment of grant funds. Mayor Milt Meier spoke. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

➤ *Squaw Creek Well Field.* It was recommended that the Level III appropriation of \$177,050 be allowed to revert on July 1, 2010. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Bill Resor, seconded by Kent Shurtleff. The motion carried.

➤ *Small Water Development Program.* Annual applications for the program have been recently received. It was recommended that \$200,000 be transferred from the Rehabilitation Program to the New Development Program to balance the available funding in both programs for 2011 projects. Discussion followed. Jim Wilson made a motion to accept the transfer, seconded by Mitch Cottenoir. The motion carried with Dan Budd in opposition.

The motion carried, as amended.

#### VIII. Omnibus Water Bill – Planning (10LSO-0203.W1)

Director Mike Purcell presented the Level I and Level II funding recommendation for the New Development, Rehabilitation, and Storage Programs that were preliminarily approved at the WWDC meeting in November. Those recommendations were as follows:

##### *Level I, New Development*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Basin Planning – Environmental/Recreation	\$ 75,000
Bear River Groundwater Basin Planning	175,000
Buffalo Creek Watershed Study	250,000
Buffalo Northwest Water Supply	75,000
Lander Master Plan - Phase II	85,000
Rolling Hills Master Plan	250,000
South Circle Master Plan – Phase II	30,000
Statewide Water Research	300,000
Thunder Basin Watershed II	250,000

##### *Level II, New Development*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Evansville Regional Connection	\$ 100,000

Kemmerer/Diamondville Water Supply	100,000
Lucerne Water Supply	150,000
Thayne Storage	85,000
Weather Modification Pilot	2,850,000
Wright Well	1,100,000

*Level II, Storage*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Cottonwood Lake Enlargement	\$ 290,000
Little Snake Supplemental Storage	300,000
Nowood River Storage	250,000
Shell Valley Storage	250,000

*Level I, Rehabilitation*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Keystone/Farmers Canal Master Plan	\$ 250,000

*Level II, Rehabilitation*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Austin Wall Rehabilitation	\$ 400,000
Little Snake Canals	100,000
Shell Canal Tunnel	150,000

*Administration*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Office of Water Programs	\$ 165,000

A motion to adopt the Omnibus Water Bill – Planning (10LSO-0203.W1) was made by Shawn Hall, seconded by Bill Resor.

Amendments to the omnibus planning bill:

➤ *Squaw Creek Water Supply.* The Squaw Creek Water District requested a new Level II study to identify other water supply options as the recent well drilling program was unsuccessful. The Director's recommendation was to fund a Level II, New Development study with a budget of \$175,000. Dick Shuptrine, Squaw Creek Water District, addressed the recommendation. Discussion followed. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Bill Resor, seconded by Floyd Canfield. The motion carried.

➤ *Reversion dates.* The Director requested that the reversion dates in the Omnibus Water Bill – Planning be extended from 2012 to 2013. This will allow the funding to be available to ensure all project commitments are met. He further requested that the Omnibus Water Bill – Planning be made into an annual bill, similar to the Omnibus Water Bill – Construction. Discussion followed. Kent Shurtleff made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Dick Geving. The motion carried.

The motion carried, as amended.

IX. Miscellaneous

The Colorado River tour of January 12-15, 2010 was discussed.

X. The next WWDC meeting will be March 5, 2010 in Cheyenne.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchel T. Cottenoir  
Secretary

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