

Wyoming Water Development Commission Meeting
Cheyenne, Wyoming
March 4, 2011

1. Chair Mitch Cottenoir called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Secretary Kent Shurtleff called the roll of Commissioners:

Commission Attendance:

Mitch Cottenoir, Chair
Jim Wilson, Vice-Chair
Kent Shurtleff, Secretary
Floyd Canfield
Phil Habeck
Shawn Hall
Bill Resor
Margo Sabec
Jeannette Sekan

Absent:

Nick Bettas

Advisors in Attendance:

Andrew Kuhlmann, Attorney General's Office

3. Audience Introductions
4. Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve the December 14, 2010 minutes was made by Shawn Hall, seconded by Kent Shurtleff. The motion carried.
5. Legislative Update
Mike Purcell reported that HB0061, Omnibus Water Bill – Planning and SF0081, Omnibus Water Bill – Construction had passed both houses without any dissenting votes. Authorization to create a debt service account for a permanent contract for 10,600 acre-feet of Glendo storage water was approved.

SF0103 provides additional funding of \$48,302,239 for the Gillette Madison Pipeline project. This additional funding increases the total project funding to \$89,552,239. The legislature also documented a plan for future project funding

totaling \$128,047,760. The financing package includes 67% grants and 33% loans with an interest rate of 4% and a term of 5 years. The capital facilities tax election will be held in Campbell County in May, 2011. Discussion followed.

6. Planning Contract Amendments

- *Clear Creek Watershed, Level I Study*

A final amendment to the engineering contract with States West Water Resources Corporation was presented. The amendment serves to increase the contract budget by \$5,281.10 for additional irrigation system analyses, document WWDC acceptance of the final report, and document the final contract budget of \$299,021.10.

- *Cottonwood/Grass Creek Storage, Level II*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with States West Water Resources Corporation was presented. The amendment serves to increase the project budget by \$130,000 to perform additional tasks as the scope of services was expanded to include a new Phase III. Also, the contract expiration date was extended to March 31, 2013.

- *Sublette Creek Reservoir and Covey/Mau Canal Project, Level II, Phase II*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with RJH Consultants, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to increase the project budget by \$326,071.92 to perform additional tasks as the scope of services was expanded to include a new Phase II. Also, the contract expiration date was extended to March 31, 2013.

- *Sweetwater River Watershed Management Plan, Level I*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Anderson Consulting Engineers, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to extend the level of analysis to include the eastern portion of the watershed, north of the Sweetwater River, with an additional budget of \$95,000.

- *Sweetwater Water Supply, Level II*

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Camp Creek Engineering, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final report and document the final contract budget at \$86,460.

- *Thayne Storage, Level II*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Jorgensen Associates was presented. The amendment serves to make budget adjustments and modify the scope of work.

- *Viva Naughton Enlargement Study, Level II, Phase II*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with States West Water Resources was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to September 1, 2011.

Discussion followed. Kent Shurtleff made a motion to approve all documents as presented, seconded by Floyd Canfield. The motion carried.

7. Small Water Projects

- Converse County Conservation District

- ❖ *Pellatz North Well.* The Converse County Conservation District sponsored an application to drill and case a well, install a solar platform and two stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$26,300.
 - ❖ *River Well.* The Converse County Conservation District sponsored an application to drill and case a well, install a solar platform and storage tank and two stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$33,400.
 - ❖ *TB231.* The Converse County Conservation District sponsored an application to construct approximately 4,400 feet of pipeline, install a storage tank and a stock tank. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$19,500.
 - ❖ *Lower Frog Creek Well.* The Converse County Conservation District sponsored an application to drill and case a well, install a solar platform and two stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$22,100.
- Hot Springs Conservation District
 - ❖ *West Allotment Pipeline.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to install approximately 1,320 feet of pipeline and a stock tank. This is a rehabilitation project with an estimated cost of \$10,000.

- ❖ *Henthorne Solar Project.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to construct a solar platform, install approximately 1,800 feet of pipeline and a stock tank. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$15,500.
- ❖ *Jones Pond #2 Diversion Pipeline.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to install approximately 16,000 feet of pipeline, a storage tank and two stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$42,000.
- ❖ *Jones Wildhorse Spring Pipeline.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to develop two springs, construct a solar platform, install approximately 10,200 feet of pipeline and three stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$38,000.
- ❖ *MMR Lake Creek Spring Development.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to develop a spring, install approximately 600 feet of pipeline, a storage tank and a stock tank. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$10,512.
- ❖ *MMR Rock Spring Development.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to develop a spring, install approximately 9,500 feet of pipeline, and four stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$38,206.
- ❖ *MMR Towers Spring Development.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to develop a spring, install approximately 2,200 feet of pipeline, and two stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$13,889.
- ❖ *Dam Teresa.* The Hot Springs Conservation District sponsored an application to move approximately 2,500 cubic yards of material to construct one stock pond. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$25,000.
- South Big Horn Conservation District
 - ❖ *Airport Pipeline.* The South Big Horn Conservation District sponsored an application to install approximately 22,500 feet of pipeline and four

stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$50,000.

- ❖ *West Alkali Pipeline.* The South Big Horn Conservation District sponsored an application to install approximately 30,360 feet of pipeline and five stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$75,000.
- ❖ *East Alkali Pipeline.* The South Big Horn Conservation District sponsored an application to install approximately 13,000 feet of pipeline and three stock tanks. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$43,500.
- ❖ *Anita Ditch Pipeline.* The South Big Horn Conservation District sponsored an application to replace an earthen irrigation water conveyance ditch by construction of a concrete headwall structure and installation of approximately 1,200 feet of pipeline. This is a rehabilitation project with an estimated cost of \$50,000.
- ❖ *Mesa Well.* The South Big Horn Conservation District sponsored an application to drill and case a new well. This is a new development project with an estimated cost of \$95,000.

Discussion followed. A motion to approve all applications as presented was made by Bill Resor, seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous Discussion

- South Laramie Water Supply Project. One of the purposes of the project was to improve the water supply to the South Laramie Water and Sewer District. Apparently, the city of Laramie and the district are having issues. The Director has written the city requesting justification for the project if the District is not going to be served.
- Pathfinder Modification Project. A status report on the negotiations with the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for annual temporary water use agreements was presented.
- Fontenelle Reservoir. A technical memorandum discussing the use of Wyoming's contract storage water in Fontenelle Reservoir and the Colorado River Compact is currently posted on the WWDC website

- The relationship between the city of Riverton and Mountain View Water District is being monitored relative to the city's willingness to sell water to the District.

9. Election of WWDC Officers

Kent Shurtleff nominated Jim Wilson as chairman, Kent Shurtleff as vice-chairman, and Bill Resor as secretary, seconded by Floyd Canfield. Phil Habeck made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried.

The Commissioners and Mike Purcell expressed their appreciation to Mitch Cottenoir for his service as chairman during the past year.

10. 2011 Consultant Selection Schedule

The proposals are due April 1, 2011, and they will be distributed to the consultant selection teams shortly thereafter.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be May 6, 2011 following consultant interviews on May 4 and 5, 2011 in Cheyenne.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent C. Shurtleff
Secretary