

Wyoming Water Development Commission Meeting
Cheyenne, Wyoming

May 10, 2013

1. Chairman Bill Resor called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Secretary Floyd Canfield called the roll of commissioners:

Commission Attendance:

Bill Resor, Chair
Jeanette Sekan, Vice-Chair
Floyd Canfield, Secretary
Nick Bettas
Karen Budd-Falen
Mitch Cottenoir
Sheridan Little
Margo Sabec

Absent:

Shawn Hall

Advisors:

Andrew Kuhlmann, Attorney General's Office

3. Approval of Minutes
Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to approve the March 8, 2013 minutes, seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the March 8, 2013 Executive Session, seconded by Floyd Canfield. The motion carried with Margo Sabec abstaining from the vote.

4. Audience Introductions

5. Planning Amendments

- *Hanna Master Plan, Level I*

A final amendment to the engineering contract with AVI was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC acceptance of the final report and finalize the contract budget at \$118,855.90. Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the document as presented, seconded by Mitch Cottenoir. The motion carried.

- *Platte River Basin Plan Update, Groundwater*

An interim amendment to the interagency agreement with the Wyoming State Geological Survey was presented. The amendment serves to extend the agreement expiration date to June 30, 2014. Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the document as presented, seconded by Nick Bettas. The motion carried.

6. Approval of Consultant Selection

- *Austin Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation*

Jeanette Sekan made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Austin Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation, Level II project with the following firm:

HDR Engineering

The motion was seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried.

- *Belle Fourche River Watershed Study*

Floyd Canfield made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Belle Fourche River Watershed Study, Level I project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. RESPEC
2. Olsson Associates
3. States West Water Resources

The motion was seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried.

- *Blacks Fork River Watershed Study*

Jeanette Sekan made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Blacks Fork River Watershed Study, Level I project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. Anderson Consulting
2. Biota Research and Consulting
3. JFC Engineers

The motion was seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried.

- *Eden Valley (Farson) Master Plan*

Margo Sabec made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Eden Valley (Farson) Master Plan, Level II project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. JFC Engineers
2. James Gores and Associates
3. Rendezvous Engineering

The motion was seconded by Floyd Canfield. The motion carried.

- *Hanna Water System*

Margo Sabec made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Hanna Water System, Level II project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. PMPC
2. AVI
3. Baker and Associates, disqualified for a bid which exceeded the budget

Furthermore, the Selection Committee suggested that the proposed scope alteration to input swing tie information in the attribute tables for an additional budget of \$6,000 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Sekan. The motion carried.

- *Heart Mountain Irrigation District Master Plan*

Karen Budd-Falen made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Heart Mountain Irrigation District Master Plan, Level II project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. Sage Civil Engineering
2. Engineering Associates
3. Nelson Engineering

Furthermore, the Selection Committee suggested that the proposed scope alternative of land classification and closed drains mapping for an additional budget of \$13,100 be accepted; the water rights mapping within the GIS task be clarified and the extent be specified; and Task 7 and Task 8 be clarified and the extent of effort be specified with respect to expected deliverables to support Level III funding applications. The motion was seconded by Nick Bettas. The motion carried.

- *High Meadows Ranch Master Plan*

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the High Meadow Ranch Master Plan, Level I project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. WLC
2. James Gores and Associates
3. Sunrise Engineering

Floyd Canfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- *Interstate Canal and Beaver Meadows Reservoir Rehabilitation*
Mitch Cottenoir made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Interstate Canal and Beaver Meadows Reservoir Rehabilitation, Level I project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. Hansen, Allen and Luce
2. Sunrise Engineering
3. Nelson Engineering

Sheridan Little seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- *Lower Nowood Water Supply*
Karen Budd-Falen made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Lower Nowood Water Supply, Level II project with the following firm:

Sage Civil Engineering

Margo Sabec seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- *Lusk Master Plan*
Margo Sabec made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Lusk Master Plan, Level I project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. AVI
2. Trihydro Corporation
3. BenchMark Engineering

Furthermore, the Selection Committee recommended that all four scope alternatives for an additional budget of \$30,000 be accepted. Floyd Canfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- *Muddy Creek Basin Instream Flows*
Margo Sabec made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Muddy Creek Basin Instream Flows, Level I project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. Biota Research and Consulting
2. Arrow Land and Water
3. Forsgren Associates

Nick Bettas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- *Osmond Pipeline Master Plan, Level I*

A motion to table the consultant selection to the June 2013 WWDC/SWC meeting was made by Margo Sabec. Several board members of the Osmond Pipeline Company will be encouraged to attend. The motion was seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

- *Pine Haven Tank and Well*

Sheridan Little made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Pine Haven Tank and Well, Level II project in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. Baker and Associates
2. HDR
3. Morrison-Maierle

Margo Sabec seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Discussion

- Streamlining Government Initiative. Correspondence from the Office of the Governor dated April 9, 2013 concerning agency rules was presented and discussed. Margo Sabec made a motion to direct staff to prepare a draft document that meets the governor's request for the June 2013 WWDC meeting, seconded by Nick Bettas. The motion carried.
- Commissioner openings. Director LaBonde reported that there are still vacancies in Water Divisions I and III.
- Ethete Water Supply Project. In 2010, \$2,000,000 was appropriated as a 50% grant to the Northern Arapaho Tribe to develop an alluvial well field. The sponsor was responsible for obtaining 50% of the total project budget of \$4,000,000 from other sources. As of this date, the Northern Arapaho Tribe has not secured its match, and the funds will revert on June 30, 2015. Director LaBonde expressed interest in drafting a letter to the Northern Arapaho Tribe to advise them of his intent to recommend that the WWDC revert those funds in 2014. Discussion followed.

8. Future Meetings Schedule

The next Wyoming Water Development Commission meeting is June 5-6 in Cheyenne with the Select Water Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Canfield
Secretary