
Wyoming Water Development Commission Meeting
Water Development Office, 6920 Yellowtail Rd.
Cheyenne, Wyoming
December 15, 2016

1. Chairman Sheridan Little called the workshop to order at 8:32am.

2. Roll Call

Commission attendance:

Sheridan Little, Chairman

Nick Bettas, Vice-Chairman

Todd Werbelow, Secretary

Bill Resor

Rodney Wagner

David Evans

Jeanette Sekan

Floyd Canfield

Karen Budd-Falen

Clinton Glick – absent

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Rod Wagner made a motion to approve the agenda. Floyd Canfield seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- October 24, 2016 WWDC Minutes
- November 9, 2016 WWDC Workshop Minutes
- November 10, 2016 WWDC/SWC Meeting Minutes

Todd Werbelow made a motion to approve all minutes, Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

5. **Audience Introductions**

6. **Planning Project Closeouts**

- Middle North Platte – Glendo Watershed Study, Level I – Jodie Pavlica, Project Manager provided a brief summary of the project findings. Todd Werbelow moved the acceptance of the Middle North Platte – Glendo Watershed Study Project Report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommends proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding

application by the sponsor. Bill Resor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Upper Laramie River Watershed Study, Level I – Tony Rutherford, Project Manager provided a brief summary of the project findings. Rod Wagner moved the acceptance of the Upper Laramie River Watershed Study, Level I Project Report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommends proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor. Nick Bettas seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

7. Planning Amendments

- Platte River Basin Plan Update, Level I Study, Amendment No. 1
An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to extend the term of the Contract from December 30, 2016 to March 31, 2017. The Contract amount is not changed by this Amendment.

Todd Werbelow made a motion to approve the time extension amendment for the Platte River Basin Plan Update, seconded by Rod Wagner; motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning Contract

- Alkali Creek Reservoir Project, Third Party NEPA Contractor Services
An engineering contract with SWCS, Inc. of Sheridan, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$1,207,127.00.

Bill Resor made a motion to approve the Contract with SWCA, Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

9. Centennial Well Transfer Agreement

Kevin Boyce, Project Manager, presented to the Commission an agreement between the WWDC and Daniel A. Gregg and Melinda R. Gregg for the Corner Mountain No. 3 Test Well. The purpose of the Agreement is for the Commission to assign its interest in the Well to the Current Landowners.

Discussion followed.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the agreement, Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

10. Recommendation – Groundwater Grant application – Town of Rolling Hills, WY

- Rolling Hills Well No. 2 Replacement

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$313,000.00 as a 75% grant. The balance of approximately \$104,034.00 will be provided by the Sponsor, the Town of Rolling Hills.

Todd Werbelow made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation. David Evans seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

11. Preparation for 2017 Legislature

- **Omnibus Water Bill – Planning**

Director LaBonde reviewed the draft bill with the Commission. Bill Resor made a motion to approval the Omnibus Water Bill – Planning with the Broken Wheel Ranch Project deleted from the Planning bill and instead inserted into the Omnibus Water Bill – Construction. Todd Werbelow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Omnibus Water Bill – Construction**

Director LaBonde reviewed the draft bill with the Commission. Rod Wagner made a motion to approve the Construction bill as presented, Todd Werbelow seconded the motion. Todd Werbelow made a motion to amend the Construction bill to add the Broken Wheel Ranch project with an appropriation of \$613,050.00, and to allow a Green River, Rock Springs, Sweetwater County Raw Water Reservoir time extension amendment from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018. Bill Resor seconded the motion; amendment carried unanimously.

Bill Resor made a motion to amend the Construction bill to amend the Thermopolis Pipeline Replacement so as to construct Phases I, II and III, not to include design costs. Todd Werbelow seconded the motion. The amendment carried unanimously.

The motion to approve the amended bill passed unanimously.

- **Lake DeSmet – Purchase of Storage – WWDC Recommendation to the Legislature**

Director LaBonde reviewed the draft bill with the Commission. Bill Resor made a motion to approve the working draft of the bill while waiting on revised language from the Attorney General's Office and the Legislative

Services office. David Evans seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion

- UW Golf Course Correspondence from the City of Laramie December 9, 2016
- Recognition of Service – Director LaBonde thanked Bill Resor, Todd Werbelow and Floyd Canfield for their service and time on the Wyoming Water Development Commission and presented them with plaques.
- Director LaBonde reminded the commissioners their financial disclosure statements are due

13. Future Meetings Schedule

The next meeting will be in Cheyenne, March 2-3, 2017.

Karen Budd-Falen made a motion to adjourn at 12:35pm, Rod Wagner seconded. The motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Werbelow

Wyoming Water Development Commission Workshop
Water Development Office, 6920 Yellowtail Rd.
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December 14, 2016

1. Chairman Sheridan Little called the workshop to order at 1:32pm.

2. Roll Call

Commission attendance:

Sheridan Little, Chairman

Nick Bettas, Vice-Chairman

Todd Werbelow, Secretary

Bill Resor

Rodney Wagner

David Evans

Jeanette Sekan

Floyd Canfield

Karen Budd-Falen - absent

Clinton Glick – absent

3. **Audience Introductions**

4. **Review Public Hearings – Proposed Level III Projects**

Division directors Barry Lawrence, Jason Mead and Bryan Clerkin reported on the public hearings over which each presided.

5. **Project Application Updates**

Director LaBonde briefly update the Commission on several projects including the options available for discussion regarding the Lake DeSmet-Purchase of Storage issue.

*The Commission voted to review the Financial Status report prior to the Executive session.

Jeanette Sekan requested an update and review on the Willwood Dam situation. Director LaBonde outlined the events.

6. **Financial Status Report**

Director LaBonde reviewed the 2017 fiscal projections provided to the Commission for WDA I, WDA II, and WDA III.

7. Executive Session to receive legal advice

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to adjourn into executive session to receive legal advice at 3:26pm. Bill Resor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Werbelow