
Wyoming Water Development Commission Meeting
Water Development Office, 6920 Yellowtail Rd.
Cheyenne, Wyoming
October 5, 2018

1. Chairman David Evans called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. Roll Call – Recognition of Members present to establish a quorum
Commission attendance:
David Evans, Chairman
Larry Suchor, Vice-Chairman
Kellen Lancaster, Secretary
Rodney Wagner
Gerald Geis
Sheridan Little
Nick Bettas
Clinton Glick
Jeanette Sekan – absent
At Large Member - Vacant

Advisors in Attendance:
Daniel Solish, Attorney General’s Office

3. **Audience Introductions**

4. **Approval of Minutes**
Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15th and 17th, 2018 Workshop and Meeting. Larry Suchor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Demonstration of Waterplan Website and Data Visualization Tools – WRDS**
Chris Nicholson from the Water Resources Data Systems demonstrated the redesigned Waterplan Website on the Wyoming Water Development website. In addition to an updated look, the page is now more interactive for users and offers a broad range of information and data.

6. **Closeout Memos**
 - Clearmont Test Well, Level II Study
Keith Clarey, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of the project findings. Discussion followed. Nick Bettas made a motion to accept the

Clearmont Test Well, Level II Study project report as complete and further the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend proceeding to Level III of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.
2. Based on the findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- South Platte River Watershed Study

Jodie Pavlica, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of the project findings. Gerry Geis made a motion to accept the South Platte River Watershed Study project as complete. Nick Bettas seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. 2019 Planning Projects Consultant Selection Approval

- Evanston Water Master Plan, Level I Study

Nick Bettas made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Evanston Water Master Plan, Level I with William H. Smith and Associates for consulting services with a recommended budget of \$126,000.00

The motion was seconded by Gerry Geis. The motion carried unanimously.

- Torrington Water Master Plan, Level I Study

Rodney Wagner made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Torrington Water Master Plan, Level I Study with AVI, P.C. with a recommended budget of \$174,000.00

Further, the Selection Committee offers the following suggestions to the Director during contract negotiations:

Acceptance of the Scope Alteration (\$12,740) for an aerial drone survey (included in the above recommended budget of \$174,000.00).

The motion was seconded by Gerry Geis. The motion carried unanimously.

- Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest Water Master Plan, Level I Study

Rodney Wagner made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest Water Master Plan, Level I Study with Morrison Maierle with a recommended budget of \$160,000.00.

Further the Selection Committee offers the following suggestions to the Director during contract negotiations:

To accept scope alternate A, Surge Analysis in the amount of \$15,000.00 and scope alternate B, Simulated Distribution System Testing with Disinfection Boosting in the amount of \$15,000.00. These amounts are reflected in the recommended project budget of \$160,000.00.

Nick Bettas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- Bluff/Upper Bluff Irrigation Districts Master Plan, Level I Study

Gerry Geis made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Bluff/Upper Bluff Irrigation Districts Master Plan, Level I Study with Western Heritage Consulting Engineers with a recommended budget of \$123,000.00.

Larry Suchor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Boulder Irrigation District Rehabilitation Level II Study

Nick Bettas made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Boulder Irrigation District Rehabilitation, Level II Study with Sunrise Engineering with a recommended budget of \$171,000.00.

Further, the Selection Committee offers the following suggestions to the Director during the negotiations:

To accept the proposed Siphon Analysis Scope Alteration for \$6,875.00 which is included in the recommended budget.

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Lake DeSmet/Healy Reservoir Utilization Level II Study

Larry Suchor made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on Lake DeSmet/Healy Reservoir

Utilization Level II Study with EnTech with a recommended budget of \$268,000.00.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation, Level II Study

Rodney Wagner made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation, Level II Study with Respec with a recommended budget of \$290,000.00.

Further the Selection Committee offers the following suggestions to the Director during contract negotiations:

To accept the scope alternate to decrease the scope of work on the finite element analysis of the dam.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

8. Request to use WDA II Sponsor Contingency Funds

- Leiter Ditch Rehabilitation 2016, Level III

Sheridan Little recused himself and moved to the audience for the discussion and subsequent vote.

During the design of the project, the geotechnical report identified corrosive soils in an area of the project where pipe would be laid. The Lower Clear Creek Irrigation District (LCCID), the sponsor, felt the reinforced concrete pipe option presented would be best for the longevity of the project. An additional \$261,000.00 will be necessary to complete the project. The District is asking for those funds as a 67% grant (\$174,870.00) / 33% loan (\$86,130.00) package. Director LaBonde suggested the Commission vote to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and amendment after a 30-day review period by the Select Water Committee. Discussion followed. Gerry Geis moved to approve the request for contingency funds and to authorize the Chairman to sign the amendment after the 30-day review period.

Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

9. Construction Progress Reports

Bryan Clerkin presented the following Construction progress reports:

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- Kemmerer Transmission Pipeline 2016
 - Sundance Transmission Pipeline 2016
 - Sundance PRV 2016

Information was presented to the Commission for information only.

10. Discussion

- Gillette Madison Update

Since August 2018, when the WWDC and SWC met and toured in Gillette, the City of Gillette has generated several water service agreements. In those agreements they have offered permanent taps for domestic use, but are still requiring stock use be temporary and limited to three years. Director LaBonde discussed current applications for DEQ discharge permits and the length of time required due to DEQ issuing the permit and public input.

Sheridan Little made a motion at 9:44am to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues regarding the Gillette Madison project. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion.

The regular meeting continued at 10:28 am.

Director LaBonde informed the Commission of a Level I Study application received from Crook County concerning the Carlile area. The Commission will be presented with a funding request at their November 7-9, 2018 meeting in Casper.

Larry Suchor discussed Sundance potentially using the tank being taken down in Pine Haven. The Town of Pine Haven has voted to give the tank to the Town of Sundance, but they must move the tank. Director LaBonde requested a copy of the most recent tank inspection report.

Kellen Lancaster requested at some point, perhaps the March meeting, when new commissioners are introduced there be an informational workshop regarding meeting conduct and accommodations.

11. Future Meetings Schedule

The draft meeting schedule for 2019 was presented to the Commission. Director LaBonde pointed out with the new process it would no longer be necessary to hold a meeting in June.

The next meeting for the WWDC will be in Casper at the Wyoming Contractor's Association Regional Training Center, November 7-9, 2018 along with the Select Water Committee.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellen Lancaster, Secretary