
Wyoming Water Development Commission Meeting
Water Development Office, 6920 Yellowtail Rd.
Cheyenne, Wyoming
October 4, 2019

1. Chairman Larry Suchor called the meeting to order at 8:30am.
2. Roll Call – Recognition of Members present to establish a quorum
Commission attendance:
Larry Suchor, Chairman
Kellen Lancaster, Vice-Chairman
Mike Purcell, Secretary
Rodney Wagner
Gerald Geis
Sheridan Little
Bill Yankee
Mark Kot
Ron Kailey
Clinton Glick – absent

Advisors in Attendance:
Andrew Kuhlmann, Attorney General's Office

3. Audience Introductions

4. Approval of Minutes

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14th and 16th, 2019 Workshop and Meeting. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

5. Planning Amendments

- Douglas Test Well, Level II, Amendment No. 1
An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Weston Engineering, Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to extend the term of the Contract from December 31, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the Douglas Test Well, Level II, Amendment No. 1. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

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- Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest Water Master Plan, Level I, Amendment No. 1
An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Morrison-Maierle, Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to correct the Consultant's legal firm name from Morrison-Maierle Systems Corporation to Morrison-Maierle, Inc. The Contract amount and expiration date are not changed by this Amendment.

Bill Yankee made a motion to approve the Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest Water Master Plan, Level I, Amendment No. 1. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

6. Closeout Memos

- Green River / Rock Springs / Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board Pump Station & Transmission, Level II Study
Keith Clarey, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of the project findings. Gerry Geis made a motion to accept the Green River / Rock Springs / Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board Pump Station & Transmission, Level II Study project report as being 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.

Ron Kailey seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Sheridan Water Master Plan
Keith Clarey, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of the project findings. Sheridan Little made a motion to accept the Sheridan Water Master Plan project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:
 1. That the Commission recommend proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. 2020 Planning Projects Consultant Selection Approval

- Bridger Valley Regional Water Master Plan, Level I

Sheridan Little made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Bridger Valley Regional Water Master Plan, Level I with Sunrise Engineering for consulting services with a recommended appropriation of \$100,000.00.

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

- Cody Water Master Plan, Level I Study

Gerry Geis made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Cody Water Master Plan, Level I Study with Engineering Associates with a recommended appropriation of \$205,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Bill Yankee. The motion carried unanimously.

- Happy Valley Water Supply, Level II Study

Mike Purcell made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Happy Valley Water Supply, Level II Study with Sunrise Engineering with a recommended appropriation of \$59,000.00.

Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- Highland Hanover ID Pump Station, Level II Study

Gerry Geis made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Highland Hanover ID Pump Station, Level II Study with Western Heritage Consulting Engineers with a recommended appropriation of \$75,000.00.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- LaGrange Water Master Plan, Level I Study

Mike Purcell made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the LaGrange Water Master Plan, Level I Study with AVI Engineering with a recommended appropriation of \$114,000.00.

Rod Wagner seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Lower Shoshone Watershed Study, Level I
Bill Yankee made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Lower Shoshone Watershed Study, Level I with Biota Research & Consulting with a recommended appropriation of \$231,000.00.

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Owl Creek Irrigation District, Lucerne Master Plan, Level I
Bill Yankee made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Owl Creek Irrigation District, Lucerne Master Plan, Level I Study with Anderson Consulting Engineers, Inc., with a recommended appropriation of \$170,000.00.

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Pavillion Water Master Plan, Level I
Bill Yankee made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Pavillion Water Master Plan, Level I Study with DOWL, LLC, with a recommended appropriation of \$135,000.00.

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

1. Accept the "No Cost" Scope Alternates listed in the Proposal.
2. Accept Scope Alternate #1 for \$7,000.00 for Video Logging of either Well 1 or Well 8 (to be determined).

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Pinedale Water Master Plan, Level I
Mike Purcell made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Pinedale Water Master Plan, Level I Study with Forsgren Associates, with a recommended appropriation of \$172,000.00.

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

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1. Increase the Consultant's budget by \$5,000.00 for Task 7. "Alternate Source Supply and Treatment Analysis". This increase is accounted for in the aforementioned \$172,000.00.

Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Shoshoni Water Master Plan. Level I

Rod Wagner made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Shoshoni Water Master Plan, Level I Study with James Gores and Associates, Inc., with a recommended appropriation of \$157,000.00.

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Skyline Ranch Water Supply. Level II

Kellen Lancaster made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Skyline Ranch Water Supply, Level II Study with Nelson Engineering with a recommended appropriation of \$93,000.00

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

1. The recommended appropriation and subsequent consultant contract shall include the base price proposal plus the Scope Alternate, (Task 4.1, Water Service Line locating & GPS survey), proposed price.

Bill Yankee seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- South End Water Users Improvement & Service District Transmission Project. Level II

Sheridan Little made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the South End Water Users Improvement & Service District Transmission Project, Level II Study with Pryor Mountain Engineering, Inc., with a recommended appropriation of \$142,000.00

Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Upper Wind River Instream Flows. Level I

Rod Wagner made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Upper Wind River Instream Flows,

Level I Study with Biota Research & Consulting, Inc., with a recommended budget of \$64,400 to be paid by the Wyoming Game & Fish Commission.

Ron Kailey seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

8. Construction Progress Reports

Bryan Clerkin presented the following Construction progress reports:

- Cokeville Tri-Diversion Structure – Design Phase
- Dry Creek Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019 – Design Phase
- Lower Nowood Rural Water Supply (Look at engineering) – Design Phase
- Rolling Hills Well No. 7 Connection 2019 – Design Phase
- Wheatland ID Tunnel Dam Rehabilitation 2019 – Construction Phase
- Deaver Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019 – Construction Phase
- Eden Valley Farson Lateral Rehabilitation – Construction Phase
- Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2018 – Construction Phase
- Lusk Water System Improvements 2018 – Construction Phase
- Sheridan Leopard Street Pipeline – Close Out Phase

Information was presented to the Commission for information only.

9. Discussion

- Goshen Irrigation District Tunnel Collapse – Update
The District was able to turn the water on through the canal near the end of August. Irrigators were able to use the water for approximately 35 days.

As of now, it is unclear how Water Development will be involved in the permanent fix for Goshen Irrigation District. Select Water may be addressing options at the November 13-15, 2019 meeting.

- Gillette Madison Update
Bryan Clerkin provide a brief history and update of the Gillette-Madison project.

10. Future Meetings Schedule

The draft meeting schedule for 2020 was presented to the Commission. Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, Mike Purcell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting for the WWDC will be in Casper at the Casper College Campus, Goodstein Foundation Library, November 13-15, 2019 along with the Select Water Committee. ***

Motion for adjournment made by Mike Purcell at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Purcell, Secretary

***Meeting location was eventually changed to the Union/University Building, Room 322 to accommodate an additional Select Water Committee meeting at the conclusion of the joint workshop.