Wyoming Water Development Commission/
Select Water Committee Joint Meeting
Casper, Wyoming

November 7th and 8th, 2013

1. Chairman Bill Resor called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

2. Vice Chair Jeanette Sekan called the roll of commissioners:

Commission Attendance:
Bill Resor, Chairman
Jeanette Sekan, Vice-Chair
Nick Bettas
Karen Budd-Falen
Mitch Cottenoir
Rodney Wagner
Sheridan Little
Margo Sabec
Todd Werbelow

Absent:
Floyd Canfield, Secretary

Advisors in Attendance:
Greg Kerr, University of Wyoming
Matthias Fayer, Attorney General's Office
Abigail Boudewyns, Attorney General's Office
Greg Lanning, State Engineer's Office

Select Water Committee Attendance:
Senator Gerald Geis
Senator Stan Cooper
Senator Ogden Driskill
Senator Curt Meier
Representative Mark Semlek
Representative John Eklund
Representative Michael Madden
Representative Glenn Moniz
Representative David Northrup

3. **Approval of Minutes**. A motion to approve the August 23, 2013 WWDC minutes was made by Margo Sabec, seconded by Mitch Cottenoir. The motion carried unanimously.

   In a separate action the Select Water Committee approved the August 23, 2013 minutes of the Committee.

   Acting Secretary – A motion to approve Jeanette Sekan as acting Secretary in Floyd Canfield's absence was made by Margo Sabec, seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Audience Introductions**

5. **UW Water Research Program**
   - Funding for two research projects was placed on hold in August 2013. Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to release the hold on funding for both projects, seconded by Jeanette Sekan. Discussion followed. The motion carried, 8-1, Sabec opposed.

   A motion to reconsider was made by Karen Budd-Falen, seconded by Margo Sabec. Motion failed 6-3 with Bill Resor, Jeanette Sekan, Mitch Cottenoir, Sheridan Little, Todd Werbelow, Rod Wagner opposed.

6. **Planning Amendments**
   - *Austin Wall Canal and Reservoir Rehabilitation, Level II*
     A final amendment to the engineering contract with Sunrise Engineering, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC's acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and document the final contract amount of $533,620.27.

   - *Bear River Hydrology Model, Level I*
     An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Parsons Water Consulting was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

   - *Cottonwood Lake Enlargement, Level II*
     A final amendment to the engineering contract with Sunrise Engineering, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC's acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and document the final contract amount of $260,315.91.

- *Guernsey Master Plan Consultant Contract, Level I*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with AVI Professional Corporation was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC's acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and to document the final Contract amount of $122,126.62

- *Little Snake River Watershed Study, Level I*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with Anderson Consulting Engineers was presented. The amendment serves to document WWDC's acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and to document the final Contract amount of $236,499.87.

- *North Platte River Water Yield Analysis Beetle Kill Impact*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Management and Engineering Technologies International, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to June 30, 2014.

- *Nowood River Storage Study, Level II*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Trihydro Corporation was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to August 31, 2015.

- *Pavillion East Water Supply, Level III*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with James Gores & Associates, P.C., a Wyoming professional corporation was presented. The amendment serves to increase the contract budget from $560,000 to $633,000. Discussion followed.

- *Upper Green Watershed, Level I*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Sunrise Engineering, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to extend the contract expiration date to August 31, 2014.

A motion to approve all documents as presented was made by Jeanette Sekan, seconded by Sheridan Little. The motion carried unanimously.

In a separate action, the Select Water Committee approved the Pavillion East Water Supply, Level III amendment.

7. **Small Water Project Amendments**

- *Airport Pipeline*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with South Big Horn Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Anita Ditch*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with South Big Horn Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Bond Well #1*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014. Recommended to let contract expire as of December 31, 2013. No action taken.

- *Dam Teresa*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Hot Springs Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Dickie 21*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Mesa Well*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with South Big Horn Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *MMR Lake Creek Spring*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Hot Springs Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *MMR Rock Spring*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Hot Springs Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014. Recommended to let contract expire as of December 31, 2013. No action taken.

- *MMR Towers Spring*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Hot Springs Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Ramul 21*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Reds Creek Pipeline*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Spring Gulch Pipeline*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *Wagonhound Spring*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

- *West Alkali Pipeline*
  An interim amendment to the project agreement with South Big Horn Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2014.

Status reports on the individual projects were given by Ron Vore. Discussion followed. A motion to approve all documents as presented was made by Margo Sabec, seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. The motion carried.

Water Law Treatise discussion –Greg Kerr addressed the commission – Bill Resor indicated no action was required.

8. Sponsor's Inflation Funds

- *Sundance Tank Project – (Water Development Account I)*
  Director Harry LaBonde asked the Commission to reconsider their motion from August regarding the Sundance Tank Project. Specifically, he requested:
  - Revise the additional funding amount from $172,419 to $233,350.
  - Revise the grant percentage from 75% to 67%
  - Eliminate all language regarding contract assignment from the Town to the State.

Margo Sabec moved to amend the motion made in August to eliminate language regarding contract assignment, seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. The motion carried unanimously.

Margo Sabec moved to amend the motion made in August to revise the additional funding amount from $172,419 to $233,350 and to revise the grant percentage from 75% to 67%, Mitch Cottenoir seconded. The motion carried. Bill Resor indicated Floyd Canfield strongly supports this action in his absence.

In a separate action the Select Water Committee affirmed the decision of the Wyoming Water Development Commission.

- *Lake Hattie Dam Project – (Water Development Account II)*
  Requesting additional funds to cover cost of project due to original engineering estimate being too low to complete construction. Director LaBonde recommends and additional $282,000 on a 67% grant basis for the project.

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to approve the Sponsor's Inflation Fund, Water Development Account II, expenditures from Account II, seconded by Jeanette Sekan. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

In a separate action, the Select Water Committee affirmed the action of the Water Development Commission.

9. Discussion

None at this time

10. 2014 Funding Recommendations – New Development Program

New Development Program – Account I

Level III Projects – Existing – Account I

- *Antelope Valley Improvement & Service District – Regional Connection*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $201,000 to facilitate their connection to the Gillette Regional System as recommended in the Level II study.

- *Austin/Wall Irrigation District – Salinity Study*
  Application was submitted for $175,000 to help fund a USGS salinity control study. The WWDC has not historically funded these types of studies. The Director's recommendation was to deny funding.

- *Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board – Well Connection and Transmission*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase the project funding from $4,730,200 to $6,177,400 or $1,447,200. The financing plan will remain a 67% grant. Discussion followed.

- *Casper – Zone III Water Improvements*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of $3,685,000. The remaining funding of $1,815,000 will be provided by the sponsor, the City of Casper. Discussion followed.

- *Cheyenne BOPU – Pump Station*
  The Director's recommendation was to amend the project description and modify the scope of the project to allow for the design and construction of a pump station. No additional funding is requested at this time. Discussion followed.

- *Cheyenne BOPU – Southern Pipeline Phase III*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of $1,206,000. The remaining funding of $594,000 will be provided by the sponsor, City of Cheyenne – Board of Public Utilities. Discussion followed.

- *Eastern Shoshone Tribe – Boulder Flats*
  The Director's recommendation is to provide funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of $800,000. The remaining funding of $400,000 will be provided by the IHS, and EPA Tribal Set-Aside. Discussion followed.

- *Gillette Regional Extensions*
  The Director's recommendation is to provide increased funding from $6,197,500 to $6,432,000 or $234,500. The funding will remain on a 67% grant basis. Discussion followed.

- *Manville – Well Connection*
  The Director's recommendation is to provide funding as a 67% grant/33% loan in the amount of $490,000 with the loan terms at 4% interest, 30 year term.

- *Northern Arapaho Tribe – Ethete Water Supply*
  The Director's initial recommendation was to revert the $2,000,000 grant back to the Water Development Program due to non-use. Recent developments encouraged the Commission to reconsider the recommendation and allow the funds to remain with the Tribe.

Margo Sabec made a motion to table the Northern Arapaho Tribe project until the next meeting in January, and requested representatives of the sponsor attend to give an update. Mitch Cottenoir seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- *Pine Bluffs – North Wells*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of $891,100 with remaining $438,900 funding from the Sponsor/SRF/SLIB/RUS. Director LaBonde indicated WWDC funds have historically not been used in the acquisition of land or permitting costs. Discussion followed.

Margo Sabec made a motion to separate the water rights from the property for appraisal purposes and include the water rights purchase in the recommended project, seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. The motion carried unanimously.

- *Rolling Hills – Tank, Pumps and Transmission Line*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase the project funding from $107,200 to $1,291,200 or $1,184,000. The financing will remain a 67% grant of Project Eligible Costs with a 33% loan of Design Eligible costs and remaining funding tentatively provided by SRF. Discussion followed

- *Sheridan – NW Transmission Main*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase the project funding from $1,566,460 to $1,714,460 or $148,000. The funding will remain 67% grant based.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on the remaining 11 of 13 projects, with separate motions made on the Northern Arapaho Tribe – Ethete Water Supply project and the Pine Bluffs – North Wells project. Karen Budd-Falen seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Level III Projects – New – Account I

- *Glenrock – Transmission Pipeline*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of $381,900. The remaining funding of $188,100 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Glenrock.

- *Laramie – North Side Tank*
  The Director's initial recommendation was to deny funding, upon further review the Director proposed an alternate recommendation. The community of Laramie will take 4-5 months to revise their preliminary engineering report and at the same time move funding forward for design only in the amount of $1,200,000 as a 67% grant/33% loan package.

- *Weather Modification – Wind River Range*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide $240,000 (25%) of an estimated cost of $911,000 to operate weather modification generators in the Wind River Range for the 2014-15 winter season. The remaining 75% of funding will need to be provided by cooperators in the 3 lower basin states. Discussion followed.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve Director's recommendations on Level III New projects – Account I including the amended 1.2 million Laramie – North Tank project. Seconded by Todd Werbelow, the motion carried unanimously.

Level II Projects – Account I

- *Indian Paintbrush Water District – GW Well*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase the project funding by $200,000 for a new production-size well.

- *Means 1st Extension Water & Sewer District – Regional Connection*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $120,000 to investigate the best way to reduce water stagnation and estimate the cost to connect to the Gillette Regional Water System.

- *Midvale Irrigation District – Hydropower Study*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $150,000 to determine the feasibility of hydropower developments within the district.

- *Pinedale – Hydropower Study*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $125,000 to look at the potential for hydropower generation to benefit the Town of Pinedale. Discussion followed

- *South Big Horn County Rural Water District – Expansion*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $100,000 for a feasibility study of Regional Water Expansion in Northern Big Horn Basin.

- *Sundance – Transmission Line & Pump Station*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $183,000 to determine the feasibility of recommended alternatives from the Master Plan and develop Level III cost estimates for those alternatives.

- *Weather Modification – Wyoming Range*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $200,000 to conduct a study to look at what can be done to augment snowpack in the Wyoming Range. Discussion followed.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve Director's recommendations as presented on Level II Projects – Account I, seconded by Jeanette Sekan. The motion carried unanimously.

Level I Projects – Account I

- *Buffalo – Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $190,000 to develop a Water Supply Master Plan.

- *Deaver – Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $125,000 to develop a Master Plan.

- *Fontenelle Pipeline – Feasibility Study*
  The Director's recommendation was to not fund a traditional Level I study. Instead the Director recommended that an in-house preliminary feasibility study be conducted by Water Development Office staff. Discussion followed.

- *Greybull – Tank and Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $200,000 to develop a Water System Master Plan and conduct a Feasibility of Airport Tank Acquisition study.

- *Laramie Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $250,000 to develop a Municipal Water Supply Master Plan.

- *Medicine Bow Conservation District*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $375,000 to conduct a Watershed study.

- *Meeteetse – Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $125,000 to develop a Water Supply Master Plan.

- *Moorcroft – Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $135,000 to develop a Water Supply Master Plan.

- *Northwest Rural Water District – Regional Extension*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $150,000 to look at alternatives for a regional water supply system in the North Fork area with the option of these water users joining the Northwest Rural Water District. Discussion followed.

- *Platte River Basin Plan Update*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $350,000 to seek outside consulting services to complete the Platte River Basin Plan Update.

- *Thermopolis – Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $135,000 to develop a Municipal Water System Master Plan.

- *Upper North Platte – Watershed Study*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $375,000 to conduct a watershed study.

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations as presented for Level I projects – Account I, seconded by Nick Bettas. The motion carried unanimously.

General – Account I

- *Small Water Project Program*
  The Director's recommendation was to keep the program active by extending the program's sunset date and increase the funds in the New Development Program by $300,000. Discussion followed regarding the need to increase the WWDC funding limit of $25,000 and the small project definition of $100,000 or less.

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to provide a $300,000 appropriation to the program, eliminate the sunset date, increase the WWDC individual project grant maximum to $35,000 and increase the maximum Small Water Project size/cost to $135,000, seconded my Margo Sabec. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to amend his original motion regarding the elimination of the sunset date and moved to make the sunset date July 1, 2025, seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried unanimously.

- *UW Office of Water Programs*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $175,000 to fund the Office for the upcoming biennium. Discussion followed.

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for the UW Office of Water Programs, seconded by Nick Bettas. The motion carried.

- *UW Water Research Program*
  An overview of the new process was available. Discussion followed. No action was necessary.

Meeting recessed for the day at 5:21 p.m., to be continued November 8, 2013.

Chairman Bill Resor called the meeting back to order at 8:38 a.m. on November 8, 2013.

Commission Attendance:
Bill Resor, Chairman
Jeanette Sekan, Vice-Chair
Nick Bettas
Karen Budd-Falen
Mitch Cottenoir
Rodney Wagner
Sheridan Little
Margo Sabec
Todd Werbelow

Absent:
Floyd Canfield, Secretary

Advisors in Attendance:
Greg Kerr, University of Wyoming
Matthias Fayer, Attorney General's Office
Abigail Boudewyns, Attorney General's Office
Greg Lanning, State Engineer's Office

Select Water Committee Attendance:
Senator Gerald Geis
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Senator Ogden Driskill
Senator Curt Meier
Representative Mark Semlek
Representative John Eklund
Representative Michael Madden
Representative Glenn Moniz
Representative David Northrup

11. 2014 Funding Recommendation – Rehabilitation Program

Rehabilitation Program – Account II
Level III Projects – Existing

- *Austin Wall Canal Rehabilitation – Phase II*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide an additional $850,000 in funding for installing pipe in unlined canals. Discussion followed.

- *Gillette Madison Pipeline Joint Bonding*
  The Director's recommendation was to extend the reversion date by one year – from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015.

- *Heart Mountain Irrigation District*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase funding in the amount of $325,000 for this materials only grant to replace open ditches with pipe.

- *Lakeview Irrigation District – Structure Replacement*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase funding in the amount of $154,770 on a 67% grant basis to replace the existing Bull Creek siphon structure. Discussion followed.

- *Lovell Irrigation District – Lateral Pipeline*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase funding in the amount of $889,000, 100% materials only grant, for materials to replace the remaining segment of Bench lateral ditch with buried pipe.

- *Piney Cruse Creek Ditch Company Irrigation District*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase funding in the amount of $855,000 on a 67% grant, 33% loan basis with 4% interest and a term of 30 years to replace an intake structure, install a pipeline in an existing open cut and construct an energy dissipation structure at the bottom of the pipeline. Discussion followed.

- *Willwood Irrigation District – Automated Gates*
  The Director's recommendation was to increase funding in the amount of $164,000 on 100% materials only grant basis to automate a control gate to regulate flows down-canal and automate a spillway gate to maintain the water level in the canal. Discussion followed.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations as presented on Rehabilitation Program, Account II, Level III Existing projects, seconded by Todd Werbelow. The motion carried unanimously.

Level III Projects – New

- *Central Wyoming Regional Water System – Tank*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $1,648,200 on a 67% grant basis to replace a 35 year old, 1,000,000 gallon water storage tank.

- *Medicine Bow – Transmission Pipeline*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $1,052,000, not to exceed 67% of project eligible costs to replace 8.6 miles of 12" asbestos cement transmission line with a 12" PVC pipeline.

- *Riverton Valley Irrigation District*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $204,000 on a 67% grant basis to rehabilitate (slip-line) two laterals.

- *Rock River – Waterline Replacement*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $924,800 on 67% grant basis for replacement of approximately 2.7 miles of transmission line. Discussion followed.

- *Savery-Little Snake River Water Conservancy District*
  The Director's recommendation was initially to deny funding for all three projects. However, due to recent information provided by the Sponsor and a commitment by the Sponsor to initiate construction of the State-Line Canal diversion structure in 2014, the Director revised the recommendation. The new recommendation is to provide funding in the amount of $750,000 on a 67% grant, 33% loan basis at 4% interest and a term of 20 years to rehabilitate the State Line canal diversion structure. Discussion followed.

- *Sidon Irrigation District – Lateral Pipeline*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $109,000 on a materials only grant basis to convert irrigation ditches to pipe.

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations as presented for the Rehabilitation Program Account II, Level III Projects – New, seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried unanimously.

Level II Projects

- *Cokeville Watershed Improvement District*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $100,000 to determine the feasibility for the repair of the Tri-diversion structure. Discussion followed.

- *Lower Clear Creek Irrigation District*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $100,000 for a study to determine costs, benefits, and potential assessments associated with the rehabilitation of the canal.

Todd Werbelow made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for Lower Clear Creek Irrigation District, seconded by Margo Sabec. The motion carried 8-0, with Sheridan Little abstaining from the vote.

- *Piney Cruse Irrigation District*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $75,000 to determine the feasibility of rehabilitation or replacement alternatives and cost estimates of the South Piney diversion.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the Cokeville Watershed Improvement District and the Piney Cruse Irrigation District Level II Projects, seconded by Mitch Cottenoir. The motion carried unanimously.

Level I Projects

- *Bench Canal Company – Master Plan*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $170,000 for a study to inventory the existing system, assess structures and conveyance features, and compile and prioritize a list of system improvements. Discussion followed.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation on the Bench Canal Company Level I project, seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. The motion carried 7-1 with Nick Bettas opposed. Todd Werbelow abstained from the vote.

- *Willwood Irrigation District – Master Plan Update*
  The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of $160,000 so the district may update their previous master plan due to improvements and changing priorities.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation on the Willwood Irrigation District Level I project, seconded by Sheridan Little. The motion carried unanimously.

General

- *Small Water Project Program*
  The Director's recommendations were to extend the program's sunset date and increase the funds in the Rehabilitation program by $300,000. Discussion followed which included consideration of raising the maximum WWDC grant share and raising the maximum size/cost limit on small water projects.

Mitch Cottenoir made a motion to accept the Director's recommendations for the Small Water Project Program – Account II, to provide a $300,000 appropriation to the program, extend the sunset date to July 1, 2025, increase the WWDC individual project grant maximum to $35,000, and increase the maximum small water project size/cost to $135,000, seconded by Jeanette Sekan. The motion carried unanimously.

12. 2014 Funding Recommendations – Dam and Reservoir Program

Dams and Reservoirs Program – Account III

Level II Projects

- *Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District*
  The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of $101,000 to perform wetland delineations, to conduct a physical survey of the reservoir site, additional economic/ability to pay analyses, to

enter into negotiations with the landowner where the diversion and inlet canal will be situated and to complete the water quality analysis. Discussion followed.

- *Middle Piney Dam Rehabilitation*
  The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of $300,000 to advance the project under Dam and Reservoir Account III to Level II, Phase III, (design and permitting), and retaining Wenck Associates as the consultant to carry out the work by amending their existing contract. Discussion followed. Prior to recommendation presentation Karen Budd-Falen declared a conflict of interest in the Middle Piney Dam Rehabilitation project.

- *Nowood River Storage*
  The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of $225,000 for the continued study of storage opportunities in the Nowood River Watershed under Dam and Reservoir Account III at Level II, Phase II. This recommendation also includes amending the contract with Trihydro Corporation to carry out the work. Discussion followed.

- *Shell Valley Watershed Improvement District*
  The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of $150,000 for the continued study of storage opportunities in the Shell Creek Watershed under Dam and Reservoir Account III at Level II, Phase II as well as retaining Wenck Associates as the consultant to carry out the work by amending their existing contract.

- *Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes – Big Wind River Storage*
  The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of $350,000 to undertake a Level II, Phase I analysis of the potential to construct storage in the Big Wind River Basin upstream of the confluence with the Little Wind River. Discussion followed.

- *Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes – Little Wind River Storage*
  The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of $350,000 to undertake a Level II, Phase I analysis of the potential to construct storage in the Little Wind River basin. Discussion followed.

- *WWDC – Viva Naughton Enlargement*
  The Director's recommendation was to approve continued funding in the amount of $375,000 to further investigate a nominal raise of Viva Naughton Reservoir by amending the contract with Wenck Associates for continued work. Discussion followed.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations as presented for the Dams and Reservoirs Program, Level II Projects, seconded by Rodney Wagner.

The motion carries unanimously with Karen Budd-Falen abstaining on Middle Piney Reservoir.

Level I Projects

- *Granger – Dam*
  The Director's recommendation was to deny funding for the Town of Granger Dam project.

Margo Sabec made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation on the Level I project for the Dams and Reservoir Program, seconded by Sheridan Little. The motion carried unanimously.

13. WWDC Commission/WWDC Rules revisions

No comments were received during the comment period.

Margo Sabec made a motion to adopt the rules as proposed and changed, Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Director's comments
None

15. Future Meeting Schedule
The Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee calendar for 2014 was presented. The schedule was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Jeanette Sekan
Vice Chair, Acting Secretary