Wyoming Water Development Commission
Cheyenne, Wyoming
March 7, 2014

1. Chairman Bill Resor called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Secretary Floyd Canfield called the roll of commissioners:

   Commission Attendance:
   Bill Resor, Chairman
   Jeanette Sekan, Vice-Chair
   Floyd Canfield, Secretary
   Nick Bettas
   Karen Budd-Falen
   Travis Brockie
   Rodney Wagner
   Sheridan Little
   Todd Werbelow
   Margo Sabec – via phone

   Advisors in Attendance:
   Greg Kerr, University of Wyoming
   Abigail Boudewyns, Attorney General's Office

   Select Water Committee Attendance:
   Senator Gerald Geis

3. **Audience Introductions**

4. **Election of Officers**
   A motion was made by Nick Bettas to nominate Jeanette Sekan for Chairwoman, Floyd Canfield for Vice-Chairman and Sheridan Little for Secretary; seconded by Bill Resor. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Approval of Minutes**
   Rod Wagner made a motion to approve the January 9, 2014 minutes; seconded by Bill Resor. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Planning Amendments**

- *Badwater Poison Creek Watershed Study – Final Amendment*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with Anderson Consulting Engineers, 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 $221,999.91.

- *Basin-Big Horn Canal Level II – Final Amendment*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with Nelson Engineering 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 $133,633.41.

- *Big Sandy Reservoir Enlargement, Level II, Phase I – Amendment No. 3*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to supplement task budgets. This Amendment will increase the total Contract amount by $97,200.00 from $200,357.50 to $297,557.50. In addition, the amendment will extend the Contract expiration date to March 31, 2015

- *Boulder Flats Water Supply, Level I – Final Amendment*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with HDR 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 to document the final contract amount of $270,002.00.

- *Cottonwood/Grass Creek Storage Study – Amendment No. 4*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to add additional funding to existing tasks and increase the total Contract amount by $100,000 from $449,000 to $549,000 and to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2015.

- *Indian Paintbrush Water Supply, Level II – Amendment No. 1*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Nelson Engineering was presented. The amendment serves to increase the Contract budget by $200,000 from $368,120 to $568,120.00.

- *Middle North Platte Watershed Study – Final Amendment*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with RESPEC Consulting & Services 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 $238,939.82.

- *Middle Piney Reservoir Study, Level II – Amendment No. 8*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to supplement existing tasks and increase the total Contract amount by $300,000, increasing the total Contract amount from $691,717 to $991,717.00 and to extend the Contract expiration date to March 31, 2016.

- *North Platte River Water Yield – Beetle Kills Study – Final Amendment*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with Management and Engineering Technologies International, Inc., 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 $62,820.00.

- *Nowood River Storage, Level II Study – Amendment No. 3*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Trihydro Corporation was presented. The amendment serves to supplement existing tasks and increase the total Contract by $225,000.00, increasing the total Contract amount from $585,240.00 to $810,240.00 and to extend the Contract expiration date to March 31, 2016.

- *Shell Valley Storage, Level II, Phase II Study – Amendment No. 3*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to supplement existing tasks and increase the total Contract amount by $150,000, increasing the total Contract amount from $735,820 to $885,820 and to extend the Contract expiration date to March 31, 2016.

- *Sheridan Supplemental Storage Level II, Phase II – Final Amendment*
  A final amendment to the engineering contract with Entech Inc., was presented. The amendment served 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 $179,827.30.

- *Viva Naughton Enlargement Study, Level II, Phase II Study – Amendment No. 8*
  An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates, Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to add tasks and increase the total Contract amount by $375,000 from $535,600 to $910,600 and to extend the Contract expiration date to March 31, 2016.

A motion to approve all documents as presented was made by Rod Wagner, seconded by Floyd Canfield. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Small Water Program Projects**

Ron Vore presented the totals for Small Water Program Applications.

Account I

- Converse County Conservation District: 2 projects – total: $28,160.00
- Cottonwood Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District: 5 projects – total: $64,700.00
- Lower Wind River Conservation District: 6 projects – total: $133,950.00
- Little Snake River Conservation District: 22 projects – total: $572,025; eligible total: $448,275.00 17
- Natrona County Conservation District: 4 projects – total: $136,570.00
- Sublette County Conservation District: 1 project – total: $4,675
- Saratoga Encampment Rawlins Conservation District: 1 project – total: $22,000.00

Account II

- Converse County Conservation District: 3 projects – total: $19,965.
- Cottonwood Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District: 1 project – total: $6,600; eligible = $0.00
- Lower Wind River Conservation District: 2 projects – total: $39,050.00
- Little Snake River Conservation District: 8 projects – total: $188,650.00
- Natrona County Conservation District: 2 projects – total: $ 70,000.00
- Sublette County Conservation District: 4 projects – total: $25,025.00

A motion to approve the director's recommendation for all eligible projects was made by Bill Resor; seconded by Rod Wagner. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **UW Office of Water Programs MOU**

Bill Resor made a motion to approve the UW Office of Water Programs MOU which provides $175,000 to operate the office in the 2015-16 biennium; seconded by Floyd Canfield. Discussion followed, the motion carried unanimously.

9. **UW Water Research Program**

Floyd Canfield made a motion to accept the director's recommendation to fund the two selected research projects for $218,447 in the UW Water Research Program MOU; seconded by Bill Resor. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the solicitation of topics for the 2014 RFP.

10. Sponsor's Inflation Fund

Little Snake Diversion Project – The sponsor has notified the WWDC that the budget of $2,313,500 is not adequate. The sponsor is requesting additional funds in the amount of $661,000. Director LaBonde presented four funding options and recommended option #4:

Approve only the grant portion ($442,870.00) of the request with the balance of funds ($218,130.00) to come from other funding sources. This would leave a balance in the Sponsor's Inflation fund Account I of $272,555.46.

Nick Bettas made a motion to decline the request at this time, motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Rod Wagner moved to approve the director's recommendation; Bill Resor seconded. The motion carried 7-3 with commissioners Karen Budd-Falen, Jeanette Sekan and Nick Bettas opposed.

11. Discussion

Location for the August meeting and tour was discussed. It was decided the Sheridan area would be the location for the August 20-22, 2014 meeting/tour.

12. 2014 Consultant Selection Schedule

A tentative schedule for the consultant interviews was presented, letting the commissioners know when and where they would be participating in the interviews.

13. Future Meeting Schedule

14. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bill Resor to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m., seconded by Floyd Canfield. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheridan Little
Secretary