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**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee  
Joint Workshop  
Washakie Museum & Cultural Center  
2200 Big Horn Ave., Worland, WY  
August 19, 2015**

Workshop was called to order at 1:35pm.

Commission attendance:  
Floyd Canfield, Chairman  
Sheridan Little, Vice-Chair  
Nick Bettas, Secretary  
Jeanette Sekan  
Travis Brockie  
Karen Budd-Falen  
Bill Resor  
Todd Werbelow  
Rodney Wagner  
David Evans

Select Water Committee attendance:  
Senator Gerald Geis  
Senator Stan Cooper  
Senator Dockstader  
Senator Driskill  
Senator Meier  
Representative Robert McKim  
Representative Stan Blake  
Representative John Eklund  
Representative Hans Hunt  
Representative Jerry Paxton  
Representative David Northrup

**1. Memo re: Exemption for Non-Public Entities for Level I Study**

Director LaBonde presented and explained the memo regarding exemption for non-public entities for Level I Studies.

**2. Charts for: 10 years of revenues (WDA I, II, III)  
10 years of project appropriations (WDA I, II, III)**

Director LaBonde detailed the revenue and appropriations for the three accounts for the last 10 years.

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**3. Consultant selection questionnaire**

A memo prepared by Barry Lawrence regarding consultant selection was presented.

**4. Investigation of Irrigation Assessments**

An assessment analysis prepared by Dale Anderson of the WWDO was presented and discussed.

**5. WWDC Survey Results**

Director LaBonde briefly outlined the survey results

**6. Results from the Public Purpose Investment Evaluation by the LSO**

Michael Swank, Program Evaluation Manager from the LSO briefly described the results of the PPI evaluation

**7. LSO Scoping Paper on the WWDC**

Director LaBonde informed the Commission and Committee there would be full evaluation with a final report from the LSO Program Evaluation Section due to the Legislature in January of 2016.

**8. Executive Session to consider confidential information**

Rod Wagner made a motion to enter into executive session to consider confidential information at 4:05pm, seconded by Jeanette Sekan.

Return from executive session 5:04

Workshop adjourned 5:05 pm



Nick Bettas, Secretary

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Wyoming Water Development Commission & Select Water Committee  
Joint Meeting  
Worland, Wyoming  
August 21, 2015

1. Chairman Floyd Canfield called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
2. Secretary Nick Bettas called the roll of commissioners:

Commission Attendance:

Floyd Canfield, Chairman  
Sheridan Little, Vice-Chairman  
Nick Bettas, Secretary  
Jeanette Sekan  
Travis Brockie  
Rodney Wagner  
Todd Werbelow  
David Evans  
Bill Resor

Advisors in Attendance:

Greg Kerr, University of Wyoming, Office of Water Programs

Select Water Committee Attendance:

Senator Gerald Geis  
Senator Stan Cooper  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator Dockstader  
Senator Curt Meier  
Representative Robert McKim  
Representative Stan Blake  
Representative John Eklund  
Representative Hans Hunt  
Representative David Northrup  
Representative Jerry Paxton

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Director LaBonde requested the Commission allow Christine Bekes to address the Commission prior to item #6, immediately after introductions.

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Bill Resor made a motion to approve the August 21, 2015 agenda as amended. Rod Wagner seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the June 4, 2015 minutes; seconded by Todd Werbelow. The motion carried unanimously.

David Evans made a motion to approve the June 3, 2015 Executive Session minutes; seconded by Rod Wagner. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. Audience Introductions**

\*\*Christine Bekes, Executive Director of the Powell Economic Partnership  
Ms. Bekes addressed the Commission and Committee regarding the potential for developing new irrigated lands for agricultural use in the Powell, WY area.

#### **6. Authorize public notice for comments on:**

- Small Water Projects Program (SWPP) Operating Criteria  
Todd Werbelow made a motion to authorize public notice for comments on the proposed revisions to the SWPP Operating Criteria, seconded by Travis Brockie, the motion carried unanimously.
- Basin States Program (BSP) Operating Criteria  
Rod Wagner made a motion to authorize public notice for comments on the proposed BSP Operating Criteria, seconded by David Evans. The motion carried unanimously.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Operating Criteria  
Bill Resor made a motion to authorize public notice for comments on the proposed MOA Operating Criteria, seconded by David Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7. State Grazing Lease #3-7503 (High Savery Reservoir)**

- Mutual consent to terminate Jon's Sublease  
Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the termination of the Jon's Sublease, seconded by Bill Resor. The motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Matt Myers Sublease  
Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Matt Myers Sublease, seconded by Bill Resor. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **8. Small Water Program Amendment**

- Hazen Draw Project, Amendment No. 2  
Darcy Axtell from the Hot Springs Conservation District and Everett Jones, the

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landowner, provided an explanation as to the need for the amendment. Bill Resor made a motion to approve the Hazen Draw Project, Amendment No. 2, seconded by Jeanette Sekan. The motion carried unanimously.

## 9. Discussion

- Financial Status of Funds  
Director LaBonde presented Water Development Office financial projections.
- Senator Driskill initiated discussion regarding the ideas of an additional Water Development account and/or a study to determine how much water would be available and what restrictions would apply and what could legally be done with the State's water regarding a Colorado River Water Leasing approach.  
Rod Wagner made a motion to proceed with a Colorado River Water Leasing Level I Study. Nick Bettas seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 2017-18 Biennium Budget Submittal  
Director LaBonde summarized the 2017-18 Biennium Budget submitted to the Governor's office. For discussion only, no action required.
- Commission assignments for new projects  
Barry Lawrence presented the Commission and Select Water with Project Management assignments including tentative Commission project assignments. Director LaBonde instructed the Commission to declare any conflicts of interest immediately.
- Rod Wagner made a motion to encourage Irrigation Districts to fill out and complete the biennial survey. Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 10. Future Meeting Schedule

- Next 2015 meeting is in Casper, WY, November 4-6, 2015.
- The 2016 WWDC/SWC Calendar of meetings was presented.

**11. Adjournment** – Todd Werbelow made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m., seconded by Bill Resor, the motion carried.



Nick Bettas, Secretary