
**Wyoming Water Development Commission
Workshop
Wyoming Water Development Office
6920 Yellowtail Rd. Cheyenne, WY 82002
January 6, 2016**

Workshop was called to order at 9:04 am.

Commission attendance:

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

Select Water Committee attendance:

Senator Gerald Geis
Senator Stan Cooper
Senator Driskill
Representative Robert McKim
Representative Stan Blake

Audience Introductions

Workshop Item #4 was discussed first:

4. (1.)Project Application Updates

Director LaBonde updated the Commission on several projects the Commission tabled during the November 2015 meeting as well as possible amendments to the Omnibus Planning Bill.

- Sundance proposed and prioritized three projects. 1. PRV project, 2. Feasibility Study Phase II, 3. Water Line for fireflow to new school.
 - o Sundance PRV Improvements Amendment included a letter from the Mayor to add a fourth PRV for \$14,070 which will help address the school fire flow issue. Kathy Lenz from City of Sundance was present to discuss projects as well as an engineer from Trihydro. The Town has changed their preferred project priority list to: 1. PRV project, 2. Water Line for fire flow to new school, 3. Feasibility Study Phase II.

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- Crook County Irrigation District Pipelines – the recommendation remains to not fund the project. Senator Ogden Driskill noted he would not be voting due to a conflict of interest as a portion of the projects would benefit his family.
 - UW Irrigation Study – The details of the proposed project were discussed. The possibility of including the City of Laramie in the study was discussed, which increases the budget by an additional \$50,000. Mark Collins was present to represent the University of Wyoming.

2. Review of Public Hearings – Proposed Level III Projects.

- Planning Director Barry Lawrence gave a brief update on the Public Hearings held in December 2015.

3. WWDC Financial Disclosure Forms

- Director LaBonde advised the Commission that financial disclosure forms are now due. For Commissioners who have not yet filed the forms, please complete and return the required Financial Disclosure forms to Director LaBonde or the Secretary of State.

4. Review of the draft consultant selection matrix

- The Commission discussed the draft consultant selection matrix. They chose to form a committee to advance the matrix prior to the April 4, 2016 deadline for proposal distribution.

5. 2016 Work Session

- The Commission discussed the recommendations outlined in the LSO, Management Audit Committee's report.

Workshop adjourned 2:58 pm



Nick Bettas, Secretary

**Wyoming Water Development Commission
Meeting
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6920 Yellowtail Rd., Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 7, 2016**

1. Chairman Floyd Canfield called the meeting to order at 8:35 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
David Evans
Bill Resor
Karen Budd-Falen
Absent: Todd Werbelow

Advisors in Attendance:

Greg Kerr, University of Wyoming, Office of Water Programs
Abigail Boudewyns, Assistant Attorney General

Select Water Committee Attendance:

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

David Evans made a motion to approve the November 4, 2015 work session minutes and November 5-6, 2015 meeting minutes and the December 8, 2015 meeting minutes; seconded by Nick Bettas. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Audience Introductions

6. Planning Amendments

- *Bear River Hydrology Model, Final Amendment*

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Parsons Water Consulting, LLC was presented. The final amendment serves to document the official closing of this contract prior to the project's completion, to document the actual closing cost of each task, and to document the final Contract closing amount of \$10,170.00. This is a reduction of \$37,830.00 from the Contract amount of \$48,000.00. This Amendment provides cessation of all work under this Contract for Services No. 05SC0295016.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the final amendment for cessation of work. Nick Bettas seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

- *Cokeville Tri-Diversion Level II Study, Final Amendment*

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Anderson consulting Engineers, Inc. was presented. The final amendment serves to document the Commission's acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and to document the final Contract amount of \$93,041.32. This is a reduction of \$1,578.68 from the Contract amount of \$94,620.00.

Nick Bettas made a motion to approve the final amendment. Rod Wagner seconded the motion, it carried unanimously.

- *Lower Bighorn and Nowood Basins Instream Flows, Level I Study, Final Amendment*

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Biota Research and Consulting, Inc. was presented. The final amendment serves to document the Commission's acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and to document the final Contract amount of \$36,000.00. This is equal to the Contract amount.

Rod Wagner made a motion to approve the final amendment. Sheridan Little seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

- *Newcastle Madison Well Study, Level II*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wester-Wetstein and Associates, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to increase the contract

budgets in Phase II, Task 1 and Task 2 to acquire the perpetual well site access and easement, and complete environmental clearances for regulatory agencies. This amendment adds \$9,192.00 to Phase II, Task 1 and \$7,606.00 to Phase II, Task 2, thereby increasing the total Contract amount by \$16,798.00 from \$1,175,790.00 to \$1,192,588.00.

David Evans made a motion to approve the interim amendment, seconded by Bill Resor. The motion carried unanimously.

- *Pinedale Hydropower, Level II Study, Final Amendment*

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Applegate Group, Inc. was presented. The final amendment serves to document the Commission's acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and to document the final Contract amount of \$115,461.24. This is a reduction of \$1,927.73.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the final amendment. Karen Budd-Falen seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

- *Piney Cruse Diversion, Level II Study, Amendment No. 1*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with EnTech, Inc. was presented. The amendment serves to amend the budget for Task 6 to allow the Consultant to complete the conceptual level designs and cost estimates for a previously ruled out alternative; increase the total Contract amount by \$4,563.94 from \$70,000.00 to \$74,563.94; and to extend the Contract expiration date to December 31, 2016.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to table this amendment. Rod Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- *Upper Snake River Watershed Study, Level I, Amendment No. 1*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Olsson Associates was presented. The amendment serves to amend the Consultant's rate sheet for subsequent billings. The total Contract amount is not changed by this amendment.

Bill Resor made a motion to approve the interim amendment; seconded by Jeanette Sekan. The motion carried 7-2 with David Evans and Karen Budd-Falen opposed.

7. UW Water Research Program

Bill Resor made a motion to accept the Water Research Program (WRP) Advisory Committee's recommendations as written for a total of \$311,328.00 which will fund the following two research projects:

1. *"Economic Assessment of Alternative Groundwater Management Strategies in Laramie County" - \$128,396.00*

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2. *“Produced Water Treatment with Smart Material for Reuse in Energy Exploration” - \$182,932.00*

8. Financial Status Report

Director LaBonde reviewed the Financial Status report provided in the meeting materials.

Concerns were expressed given the current budget and funding issues in the state. Director LaBonde indicated the agency funding, is derived from the Severance Distribution Account which is capped at \$155 million. This account receives funding before other State priorities. As such, the agency is not necessarily in jeopardy of decreased funding.

The State has “borrowed” \$10,000,000.00 from Account III with the intention of paying back the funds in the future.

Karen Budd-Falen would like an update on the Governor’s Water Strategy proposed Ten in Ten projects and what projects are being considered.

9. Preparation for the 2016 Legislature

Omnibus Water Bill Construction –

Director LaBonde reviewed the bill based on projects approved by the Commission in November 2015.

Bill Resor made a motion to approve the Omnibus Water Bill-Construction as presented. Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion.

Bill Resor made a motion to amend the Omnibus Water Bill-Construction with the Eden Valley Farson Lateral Rehabilitation – Phase I amendment. Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Resor made a motion to amend the Omnibus Water Bill-Construction with the Sundance PRV Improvements 2016 amendment noting this will increase the requested appropriation by \$14,070.00. The motion was seconded by Karen Budd-Falen. The motion carries unanimously.

Bill Resor made a motion to amend the Omnibus Water Bill-Construction with the Sundance Transmission Pipeline 2016 Project amendment, with an appropriation of \$713,550 for a 67% grant. Karen Budd-Falen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Resor called for the question on the Omnibus Water Bill-Construction Bill as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Omnibus Water Bill-Planning

Director LaBonde reviewed the bill based on projects approved by the Commission in November 2015.

Bill Resor made a motion to approve the Omnibus Water Bill-Planning as drafted with the inclusion of \$311,328.00 for the State Water Research Program, and removal of the Sundance Water System Feasibility Phase II. Nick Bettas seconded the motion.

Bill Resor made a motion to amend Section 2 of the 2016 Omnibus Water Bill-Planning, to add the UW Irrigation Water Supply Study, New Development, Level II Study, with an appropriation of \$200,000.00 and that the study be expanded to include the study and supply of non-potable water to all green spaces for both the University of Wyoming and the City of Laramie. Nick Bettas seconded the motion. The motion failed unanimously.

Bill Resor called for the question on the Omnibus Water Bill-Planning. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Sekan requested a letter be included in the "cheat sheet" as to why the Commission declined the UW project.

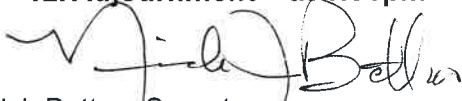
10. Future Meeting Schedule

- Next 2016 meeting is in Cheyenne, WY, March 3-4, 2016.
- The 2016 WWDC/SWC Calendar of meetings was presented.
- Change in the August meeting dates for 2016. August 24-26th, 2016 meeting will be held in Saratoga, Wyoming, for a tour of a trans-basin diversion.
- The November meeting will be held November 9-11, 2016. Alternate venue will be necessary.

11. Discussion

- LSO items – need to have something done by March.
- The Commission requested a response letter be sent to Brenda Johnson acknowledging her letter and reiterating no projects are currently under consideration.

12. Adjournment – at 1:01pm


Nick Bettas, Secretary