
Wyoming Water Development Commission Workshop
Water Development Office, 6920 Yellowtail Rd.
Cheyenne, Wyoming
June 8, 2017

1. Chairman Sheridan Little called the workshop to order at 1:36pm.

Roll Call

Commission attendance:

Sheridan Little, Chairman

Nick Bettas, Vice-Chairman

Gerald Geis

Kellen Lancaster

Rodney Wagner

David Evans

Clinton Glick

Larry Suchor

Jeanette Sekan – via phone

Karen Budd-Falen absent

Select Water Attendance:

Senator Larry Hicks

Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton

Senator Dan Dockstader

Senator Curt Meier

Rep. Jerry Paxton

Rep. Dan Laursen

Rep. Hans Hunt

Rep. Stan Blake

2. **Platte River Recovery Implementation Program**

Director LaBonde shared a power point presentation outlining the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP), progress and potential for extension. Discussion followed regarding funds spent, future expenditures and success of species recovery.

3. **2017 Handbook – Wyoming Water Development Program**

Director LaBonde offered updated Commission handbooks to those interested. No commissioners took the updated books for review.

4. **Public Purpose Investments Report – Update**

The Office has received official request for the 2-year post audit final report. Discussion followed regarding the perception there are multiple agencies funding and building water projects, i.e., Wyoming Business Council and Wyoming Water Development Commission. At this point in time severance tax distribution is still in place at previous levels, but the agency will keep informed as to additional budget cuts.


5. **Open Meetings Law – Daniel Solish, Assistant Attorney General**

Daniel Solish shared a power point outlining the details and points of the Open Meetings Law as it applies to the WWDC. He informed the Commission no

formal action was allowed during executive session. He also reviewed meeting conduct, objections out of executive session and the nuances of a public meeting and discussing commission business outside of an advertised meeting.

The workshop adjourned at 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton Glick

**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee
Joint Meeting
Water Development Office, 6920 Yellowtail Rd.
Cheyenne, Wyoming
June 9, 2017**

1. Chairman Sheridan Little called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

2. Roll Call

Commission attendance:

Sheridan Little, Chairman
Nick Bettas, Vice-Chairman
Rodney Wagner
David Evans
Karen Budd-Falen
Clinton Glick
Gerald Geis
Kellen Lancaster
Larry Suchor
Jeanette Sekan – absent

Select Water Committee Attendance:

Senator Larry Hicks
Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton
Senator Curt Meier
Representative Hans Hunt
Representative Stan Blake
Representative Robert McKim
Representative Dan Laursen
Representative Jerry Paxton

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the agenda. Larry Suchor seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Senator Larry Hicks offered an amendment to the agenda to include discussion based on Management council interim topics to Select Water Committee. Representative Hans Hunt seconded the motion. Gerry Geis moved the amendment to the agenda, Nick Bettas seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Rodney Wagner made a motion to approve the May 5, 2017 WWDC meeting minutes. David Evans seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

In similar action, Representative Blake made a motion to approve the March 16, 2017 SWC minutes. Representative Dan Laursen seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Audience Introductions**

6. Approval of Consultant Selection

- Alkali Creek Reservoir Final Design, Level II

Gerry Geis made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Alkali Creek Reservoir Final Design Project in accordance with the following ranking of firms interviewed:

1. Trihydro Corporation
2. Deere & Ault Consultants, Incorporated

Further, the Selection Committee offers the following suggestions to the Director during negotiations: *To accept Trihydro's proposed Phase I scope alterations in the amount of \$14,300.00*

The motion was seconded by Larry Suchor. The motion carried unanimously.

- Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Final Design

Gerry Geis made a motion that the Director be instructed to begin negotiations for consulting services on the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Final Design in accordance with the following ranking of the firms interviewed:

1. RJH Consultants, Inc.
2. Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc.

Further, the Selection Committee offers the following suggestions to the Director during the negotiations: *To accept RJH's proposed Phase I scope alterations in the amount of \$73,500.00.*

The motion was seconded by Clinton Glick. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Closeout Memos

- Centennial Well & Master Plan, Level I

Kevin Boyce, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of the project findings. The closeout memo recommends acceptance of the Centennial Well & Master Plan Level I project report as being complete. The sponsor has not chosen, at this time, to proceed with a specific feasibility study nor major capital improvements as a result of this Level I study, therefore it is recommended to terminate further consideration of the proposed project.

Gerry Geis made a motion to accept the closeout memo, Larry Suchor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

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- Weather Modification – Laramie Range Siting and Design Study
Jeni Cederle, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of the project findings. The closeout memo recommends acceptance of the Weather Modification – Laramie Range Siting and Design study as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project: That the recommendations from the study feed into a larger discussion of future operational programs around the State.

Gerry Geis made a motion to accept the closeout memo, David Evans seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning Amendments

- Hanover Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I, Amendment No. 1
An interim amendment to the engineering contract with WH LLC dba Western Heritage Consulting & Engineering was presented. The amendment serves to a) increase the total Contract dollar amount by one hundred nineteen thousand, nine hundred ninety-five dollars (\$119,995.00) to two hundred ninety thousand, seven hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$290,768.00); b) extend the term of the Contract through June 30, 2019; and c) change the responsibilities of the Consultant.

Larry Suchor made a motion to approve the amendment, Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

In similar action, Representative Stan Blake moved to approve the amendment, Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Little Snake Supplemental Storage Level II Study, Amendment No. 5
An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates, Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to extend the term of the Contract through June 30, 2019.

Karen Budd-Falen made a motion to approve the amendment, Gerry Geis seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

9. New Planning Contracts:

- Beaver Creek Watershed Study, Level I
An engineering contract with Olsson Associates, Inc., of Lincoln, Nebraska was presented. The budget is \$270,800.00.

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- *Big Horn Regional Southern Water Supply Study, Level II*
An engineering contract with DOWL, LLC of Sheridan, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$178,080.00.
 - *Big Wind River Storage Study, Phase II, Level II*
An engineering contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., of Omaha, Nebraska was presented. The budget is \$471,931.92.
 - *Bitter Creek/E. Flaming Gorge Watershed Study, Level I*
An engineering contract with Anderson Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Fort Collins, Colorado was presented. The budget is \$ 259,500.00.
 - *Buffalo Groundwater Supply Study, Level II*
An engineering contract with Wyoming Groundwater, LLC of Laramie, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$179,000.00.
 - *Cody Canal Laterals Study*
An engineering contract with Sage Civil Engineering of Cody, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$177,500.00.
 - *Douglas Test Well Study, Level II*
An engineering contract with Weston Engineering, Inc., of Laramie, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$ 1,169,500.00.
 - *Greybull River Watershed Study, Level I*
An engineering contract with Woodard & Curran, Inc., of Casper, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$270,927.00.
 - *GR-RS-SC JPWB Wind River Zone Study, Level I*
An engineering contract with Sunrise Engineering, Inc., of Afton, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$164,430.00.
 - *Hog Island Water Master Plan Study, Level I*
An engineering contract with Y2 Consultants, LLC of Jackson, Wyoming was presented. The contract is \$ 99,500.00.
 - *Kirby Ditch Rehabilitation Study, Level II*
An engineering contract with Sage Civil Engineering of Cody, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$ 75,900.00.

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- LaPrele Irrigation District Master Plan Study, Level I
An engineering contract with Re/Spec Inc. of Cheyenne, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$181,700.00.
 - Little Wind River Storage Study, Phase II, Level II
An engineering contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., of Omaha, Nebraska was presented. The budget is \$472,601.92.
 - Niobrara/Lower North Platte Rivers Watershed Study, Level I
An engineering contract with Re/Spec Inc., of Cheyenne, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$267,900.00.
 - Rolling Hills Groundwater Supply Study, Level II
An engineering contract with Weston Engineering, Inc., of Upton, WY was presented. The budget is \$745,000.00.
 - Sunlight Basin Instream Flows Study, Level I
An engineering contract with Biota Research and Consulting, Inc., of Jackson, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$47,460.00.
 - Wheatland Irrigation District Tunnel Dam Rehabilitation Study, Level II
An engineering contract with Wenck Associates, Inc., of Maple Plain, Minnesota was presented. The budget is \$ 149,260.00.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Planning contracts as presented. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In similar action, Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton moved the approval of the Planning contracts. Representative Stan Blake seconded the motion. The motion carried with Senator Meier opposed.

10. New Level III Sponsor Contracts

WDA I

- High Meadow Ranch Well, Tank and Pipeline 2017 - \$1,991,910
- High Meadow Ranch Well Purchase Agreement - \$56,179.00 (paid to WWDC)
- Broken Wheel Ranch Water Supply 2017 - \$613,050.00
- Cody Tank 2017 - \$2,412,000.00
- Cowley Tank 2017 - \$3,155,700.00
- Gillette Regional Extensions 2017 - \$361,800.00

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- Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2017 - \$254,600.00
 - Opal Well Improvements 2017 - \$4,690.00
 - Pineview Tank & Booster Pump 2017 - \$368,500.00
 - Pioneer Transmission Pipeline 2017 - \$1,245,200.00
 - Thayne Tank 2017 - \$589,600.00
 - Wheatland Wells 2017 - \$994,950.00

WDA II

- Casper CY Booster Station Replacement 2017 - \$852,910.00
- Thermopolis Pipeline Replacement 2017 - \$1,545,200.00
- Dry Creek ID Pipeline Replacement 2017 - \$670,000.00
- LeClair Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2017 - \$1,530,910.00
- Deaver Irrigation District Flume Replacement/Laterals - \$91,000.00
- Goshen Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2017 - \$214,000.00
- Heart Mountain ID Rehabilitation 2017 - \$410,000.00
- Midvale Pilot 27.0 A Lateral 2017 - \$355,000.00
- Shoshone Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2017 - \$234,000.00
- Sidon Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2017 - \$483,000.00

2017 Amendments

- Dull Knife Reservoir Spillway Rehabilitation - \$252,000.00 (WDA II)
- Gillette Regional Extensions – Phase II - \$1,675,00.00 (WDA I)
- GR/RS/SC Raw Water Reservoir – 1 yr time extension
- Laramie North Side Tank - \$7,303,000.00 (WDA I)
- Riverton Water Supply – 3 yr time extension
- Willwood Dam Rehabilitation – 1 yr time extension
- Gillette Madison Pipeline Project – 3 yr time extension

Discussion followed.

Karen Budd-Falen moved the Water Development Commission grant the Chairman, or if unavailable, the Vice-Chair, and Secretary, or if unavailable, the Acting Secretary, the authority to enter into the above referenced project agreements and project amendments on or after July 1, 2017. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In similar actions, Senator Larry Hicks made a motion that the Water Development Commission has submitted the above referenced Project Agreements and Project Amendments to the Select Water Committee for its review and recommendation, and the Committee recommended the Water Development Commission enter into said and above referenced Project Agreements and Project Amendments. Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded

the motion. Senator Curt Meier offered a friendly amendment indicating language saying "commission or as delegated". Senator Larry Hicks accepted the amendment, Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the amendment. The amendment to the motion carried. The motion carried.

11. Wright Water & Sewer District – Water Sales Agreement

Wright Water & Sewer District – Water Sales agreement – Amendment No. 3. The amendment serves to modify the allocation of net profits from the sale of water due to the increase in the pumping capacity of the Sponsor's water supply. Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the amendment, Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

12. Big Horn Canal Underway Project – Sponsor's Contingency Fund

Project manager Dale Anderson explained to the Commission all five (5) bids received were over the budgeted item amount, the lowest is over by approximately \$48,000.00 but with cost savings in the engineering services contract, the actual deficit is closer to \$45,000.00. Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the use of \$30,150.00 in WDA II Sponsor Contingency Funds for this project. Larry Suchor seconded the motion. The motion carried with Nick Bettas opposed.

In similar action, Representative Stan Blake moved approval of the use of \$30,150.00 from the WDA II Sponsor Contingency Funds for this project. Representative Jerry Paxon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. UW Water Research Program

Greg Kerr presented the 2018 RFP from the Water Research Program. David Evans moved the acceptance of the 2018 RFP. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

In similar action, Representative Stan Blake made a motion to approve the UW WRP 2018 RFP. Representative Dan Laursen seconded the motion. Senator Curt Meier offered an amendment to include orders of the State Engineer's Office (SEO) and Board of Control (BOC) to the existing section regarding compacts and decrees. Senator Larry Hicks proposed a friendly amendment to Senator Meier's amendment to include the following wording "the attraction and retention of any new sectors to our economy shouldn't be contingent upon reallocation of existing water rights or obligated water sources" in the UW Water Research Program RFP 2018 section "Water as a Driver for Economic Diversity in Wyoming".

The motion to amend carried with Representative Dan Laursen opposed. The motion to approve the UW WRP 2018 RFP as amended carried with Senator Larry Hicks, Senator Curt Meier and Representative Dan Laursen opposed.

14. Construction Project Progress Report

Bryan Clerkin presented, for information only, a progress report for the Lower Nowood Rural Water Supply.

15. Consideration and Ranking of Colorado River Basin MOA Applications

Director LaBonde presented the Memo pertaining to the Colorado River Basin Memorandum of Agreement prepared by Keenan Hendon. One application from the State Engineer's Office was received. Gerry Geis moved the WWDC recommend funding of the project by the Bureau of Reclamation, David Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Intended Use Plan (IUP) – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) - for Select Water consideration

Wade Verplancke presented the IUP to members of Select Water Committee. Senator Curt Meier moved to approve the IUP, Representative Stan Blake seconded the motion, the motion carried with Senator Larry Hicks opposed.

17. Lake DeSmet Feasibility Study

Director LaBonde summarized the events concerning the Lake DeSmet Feasibility Study. At the time of the meeting the study was tabled. Discussion followed. Karen Budd-Falen made a motion to table the Lake DeSmet Feasibility Study. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

18. Discussion

Added Item:

- **Interim Select Water Committee topic**

Senator Larry Hicks indicated he and Representative Robert McKim requested the Management committee assign to the SWC a review of the processes and procedures of the Water Development Commission. He invited the WWDC and the WWDO to participate in the ongoing discussion. Several items were discussed including reviewing Planning projects, a design/build approach to projects and potentially a delay in application processing.

A special meeting was proposed and respective chairmen would set a date.

- **Rules Revisions – comments**

Director LaBonde indicated he would present the comments and staff recommendations in August. Several commissioners including Nick Bettas wanted a copy of the comments. Karen Budd-Falen suggested not waiting until August to address the comments. This too, may be a topic for the special meeting.

- **Small Water Project Program Operating Criteria**

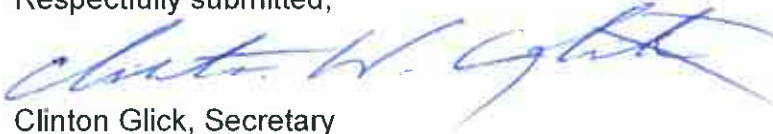
Director LaBonde informed the Commission the SWPP Operating Criteria would be out for comment from June 15, 2017 until July 29, 2017.

19. Future Meetings Schedule

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 23-25, 2017 in Green River, WY. A special meeting date is yet to be determined by Chairmen of WWDC and SWC.

Karen Budd-Falen made a motion to adjourn, Larry Suchor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 1:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton Glick, Secretary