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**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee  
Joint Workshop  
Wyoming Contractor's Association Regional Training Center  
2220 Bryan Stock Trail, Casper, WY  
November 7, 2018**

1. Chairman David Evans called the workshop to order at 1:33pm.

**Roll Call**

Commission attendance:

David Evans, Chairman

Larry Suchor, Vice-Chairman - absent

Kellen Lancaster, Secretary

Clinton Glick

Gerald Geis

Rodney Wagner

Jeanette Sekan

Sheridan Little

Nick Bettas

Mike Purcell - Absent

Select Water Attendance:

Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton

Senator Ogden Driskill

Senator Dan Dockstader

Rep. John Eklund

Rep. Jerry Paxton

2. **Audience Introduction**

3. **Financial Status Report**

Director LaBonde reviewed the preliminary fiscal projections for Water Development Accounts I, II, III provided to the Commission and Committee. Discussion followed regarding past funding cuts and future appropriations.

4. **Funding Applications – Preliminary Review**

Director LaBonde briefly reviewed a number of the projects, specifically:

- Tab A – Buffalo Wells & Transmission 2019
- Tab C – Etna Storage Tank 2019
- Tabs G & H – Weather Modification (Medicine Bow and Wind River Mtns)
- Tabs J & K & P– Gillette Regional Extensions/Crook Co. Rural Water Plan
- Tab L – Lander Transmission Pipeline 2016
- Tab V – Transfer of Funds from Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account
- Tab J2 – Interstate Irrigation & Reservoir ID Rehabilitation 2019
- Tab XYZ – Middle Piney Reservoir (Contingencies & Reservoir Account)
- Five additional projects were identified for funding depending on the ability to transfer funds from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account to Water Development Acct II.

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- Dry Creek ID Rehabilitation 2019
  - Eden Valley ID System Improvements 2019
  - Boulder ID Rehabilitation
  - LaPrele ID Rehabilitation
  - Bluff/Upper Bluff IDs Master Plan

The workshop adjourned at 3:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellen Lancaster, Secretary

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**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee  
Joint Meeting  
Wyoming Contractor's Association Regional Training Center  
2220 Bryan Stock Trail, Casper, WY  
November 8-9, 2018**

1. Chairman David Evans called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

**2. Roll Call**

Commission attendance:	Select Water Attendance:
David Evans, Chairman	Rep. Hans Hunt
Larry Suchor, Vice-Chairman - Absent	Senator Ogden Driskill
Kellen Lancaster, Secretary	Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton
Gerald Geis	Senator Glen Moniz
Clinton Glick	Senator Curt Meier
Rodney Wagner	Senator Dan Dockstader
David Evans	Senator Larry Hicks
Jeanette Sekan	Rep. Dan Laursen
Nick Bettas	Rep. Jerry Paxton
Mike Purcell – Absent	Rep. John Eklund
	Rep. Stan Blake

**3. Audience Introductions**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Representative Jerry Paxton made a motion to approve the SWC Meeting minutes of August 17, 2018, Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve both the October 5, 2018 WWDC Meeting minutes and the October 5, 2018 Executive Session minutes. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**5. Closeout of Planning Projects**

- Buffalo Groundwater Supply Study, Level II  
Keith Clarey, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Discussion followed concerning several letters received from the Elk Ridge Homeowner's Association. Peggy Crouse, a member of the Elk Ridge Homeowner's Association addressed the Commission and Committee with concerns over lack of communication and notice to the Homeowners. Director

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LaBonde recommended the City of Buffalo keep the homeowners informed as to where the well will be located. Gerry Geis moved acceptance of the Buffalo Groundwater Supply Study, Level II report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Proceeding to Level III of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application from the sponsor.
2. Based on the findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Cody Canal Laterals Study, Level II

Chace Tavelli, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Discussion followed. Jeanette Sekan moved acceptance of the Cody Canal Laterals Study, Level II project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.
2. Based on findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Clinton Glick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Green River-Rock Springs-Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board. Wind River Zone Study, Level II

Keith Clarey, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Sheridan Little moved acceptance of the Green River-Rock Springs-Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board, Wind River Zone Study, Level II project report as being complete and further the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Proceeding to Level III of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

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2. Based on the findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
  3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- LaPrele Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I

Chace Tavelli, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Rodney Wagner moved acceptance of the LaPrele Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Lusk Water Supply Study, Level II

Keith Clarey, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Gerry Geis made a motion to accept the Lusk Water Supply Study, Level II project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Terminating further consideration of the proposed project.

Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement Study, Level II, Phase II

Andrew Linch, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Kellen Lancaster made a motion to accept the New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement Study, Level II, Phase II project report as being substantially complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Continuing the project at the current Level of study and advancing to Phase III upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

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- Rolling Hills Groundwater Supply Study, Level II  
Keith Clarey, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Gerry Geis made a motion to accept the Rolling Hills Groundwater Supply Study, Level II as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Proceeding to the next level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.
2. Based on the findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Wheatland Irrigation District Tunnel Dam Rehabilitation Study, Level II  
Tony Rutherford, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Jeanette Sekan made a motion to accept the Wheatland Irrigation District Tunnel Dam Rehabilitation Study, Level II as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

That the Commission recommend:

1. Proceeding to Level III of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.
2. Based on the findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Nick Bettas seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Update of Level III Construction Projects**

Bryan Clerkin gave an update on the following Level III Construction Projects for informational purposes only:

- Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2017
- Leiter Ditch Rehabilitation 2016
- Riverton Valley Rehabilitation 2013
- Sundance Tank 2018

## **7. 2019 Funding Recommendations – New Development**

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## New Development Program – Account I

### Level III Projects – Account I

- *Buffalo Wells & Transmission 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$1,238,160.00.00. The remaining funding of \$609,840.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the City of Buffalo.
- *Clearmont Well Connection 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$328,970.00. The remaining funding of \$162,030.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Clearmont, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.
- *Etna Storage Tank 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$710,200.00 for a 250,000 gallon tank. The remaining funding of \$349,800.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Etna, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds. The Town of Etna originally requested funding for a 500,000 gallon tank. WWDO staff felt that request was excessive considering the size of the town and an existing 250,000 gallon tank. The Sponsor provided details for the original request for the 500,000 gallon tank through the testimony of Don Baker, the Chairman of the Water & Sewer District in Etna. The funding required for a 500,000 gallon tank as a 67% grant only is in the amount of \$1,001,650.00 with remaining funding of \$493,350.00 to be provided by the sponsor.
- *Green River-Rock Springs-Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board Pump Station 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$7,497,300.00. The remaining funding of \$3,692,700.00 will be provided by the sponsor, GR-RS-SC JPWB, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds and/or sponsor supplied revenue pledge.
- *Northwest Rural Water System Improvements 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$1,055,250.00. The remaining funding of \$519,750.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Northwest Rural Water District, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.

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- Rolling Hills Well No. 7 Connection 2019

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$273,360.00. The remaining funding of \$134,640.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Rolling Hills, from a CD purchased specifically for this project and its general fund.

- Weather Modification – Medicine Bow Mountains 2019-2020

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$589,000.00 for Winter Snowpack Augmentation. Funds are being requested for the operations contractor to prepare operational forecasts, fly one aircraft, maintain the equipment, and conduct airborne seeding operations across southeast Wyoming.

- Weather Modification – Wind River Mountains 2019-2020

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$235,000.00 for Winter Snowpack Augmentation. Funds are being requested for the continuation of cloud seeding operations in the Wind River Range for the winter season of 2019-2020. Funds will be used for the contractor to prepare weather forecasts and decision support, release soundings, maintain equipment, and conduct seeding operations through leased ground-based generators.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Director's funding recommendations for the above noted Level III, New Development Projects, with the exception of the Etna Storage Tank 2019 project. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Kellen Lancaster made a motion to increase the Etna Tank to the originally requested 500,000 gallon tank and restore the originally requested funding as noted above. Nick Bettas seconded the motion. Nick Bettas, Jeanette Sekan, Kellen Lancaster, and Sheridan Little in favor. Gerry Geis and Rodney Wagner opposed, Clinton Glick absent from the vote and Chairman Evans abstained. Motion carried.

#### Level III Project Amendments – Account I

- Casper Zone 3 Improvements

The Director's recommendation was to approve the one year time extension to allow the City of Casper to finish the 400,000 gallon storage tank. Due to construction issues with the interior paint coating of the tank, the contractor is being required to repaint the tank interior. Due to the cold weather season, the



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painting will have to wait until next spring or early summer. The one year time extension is from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020.

- *Gillette Regional Extensions, Phase IV - 2018*

The Director's recommendation was to decrease the budget amount by \$296,810.00 and proposed removing the Legislative amendment identified in W.S. 99-3-2303(b)(vii)(B).

- *Gillette Regional Extensions 2017*

The Director's recommendation was to remove the Legislative amendment identified in 99-3-2303(b)(vii)(B).

Discussion followed both of the above referenced Gillette Regional Extension Amendments. Sheridan Little made a motion to table the items until the following day for further discussion. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Lander Transmission Pipeline 2016*

The Director's recommendation was to deny additional funding in the amount of \$3,091,000.00 due to lack of progress on a previous 2016 project. Lance Hopkin from the City of Lander was in attendance to answer questions. Discussion followed.

Clinton Glick made a motion to approve design only funding in the amount of \$329,500.00 to replace three existing water storage tanks with a new water storage tank and new pump station. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. This will become a new, additional Level III – Design Only Project – *Lander Tank and Transmission Pipeline 2019*.

- *Small Water Project Program – New Development*

The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to meet future project application demands.

- *Sponsor's Contingency Fund – Account I*

The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The WWDO anticipates increased use of this fund due to many factors including a strong economy, increased steel and construction prices due to tariffs on goods and equipment used in the construction industry.

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- Legislative Revision for Repair & Maintenance Sinking Funds

The Director's recommendation was for the WWDC to advance amendments to the 2017 and 2018 Omnibus Water Bills – Construction that will incorporate the new provisions of 2018 Enrolled Act No. 6.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Director's Level III, New Development Amendments with the exception of the two Gillette Regional Extensions amendments and the Lander Transmission Pipeline amendment, which were handled separately. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Level II Projects – Account I

- Lake DeSmet/Healy Reservoir Utilization

The Director's recommendation was to provide \$268,000.00 for a study to examine alternatives and associated cost benefit ratios to construct a gravity delivery system in lieu of the current electrical pumps.

Rodney Wagner made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for the Lake DeSmet/Healy Reservoir Utilization Study, Level II. Sheridan Little seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Level I Projects – Account I

- Crook County Rural Water Supply Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 to conduct a reconnaissance study for providing a public water supply system to rural residents of west-central Crook County to replace existing domestic source supplies deemed inadequate or detrimental to health and safety. Discussion followed.

- Evanston Water Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$126,000.00 for the City of Evanston to look at updating a twenty year old master plan to prepare for current and anticipated development in two residential/business pressure zones of the community.

- River Basin Planning StreamStats – Phases III and IV

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$631,000.00 to continue the ongoing, work in progress to develop the tools necessary to quickly access streamflow statistics for any stream site and can also be used to delineate drainage basins and calculate basin characteristics.

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- Salt Creek-Edgerton-Midwest Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$160,000.00 to evaluate the current condition of the water systems, and 45-mile transmission line and to provide the tools and guidance necessary to assist in the planning, rehabilitation, upgrading, and managing of the systems.

- Torrington Water Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$174,000.00 to identify the components of the existing system that are deficient and to provide a schedule for improvements. It will also identify system needs and develop a plan to accommodate future growth.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for all Level I – Account I Projects. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### General – Account I

- Groundwater Grant Program

The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to fund future well requests.

- Transfer of Funds from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account

The Director's recommendation was to transfer excess funds in the amount of \$5,500,000.00 from the Buffalo Bill Dam Account to Water Development Account I. The WWDC should consider requesting the legislature to redirect the \$5,500,000.00 from WDA I to WDA II to mitigate the funding shortfall for rehabilitation projects.

- UW Water Research Program

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding, in the amount of approximately \$350,511.00 for two projects recommended by the WRP Advisory Committee.

Nick Bettas made a motion to approve the three General projects. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Dams and Reservoirs Program – Account III**

### Level III Projects – Account III

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- Middle Piney Reservoir

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$2,060,000.00. The recommendation is for an additional \$1,560,000.00 in project construction funding from Account III and \$500,000.00 to establish a Reservoir Account from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account.

Kellen Lancaster made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for Middle Piney Reservoir. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Level II Projects – Account III

- Greybull Valley Irrigation District Storage Enlargement, Phase II

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 to continue studying storage opportunities in the Greybull River Watershed under Dam and Reservoir Account III at Level II, Phase II. The recommendation is to amend the current contract with AECOM for additional geotechnical investigation on the Lower Sunshine Dam.

- New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement, Phase III

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to begin permitting and final design of the Lower Inlet Option for the expansion of New Fork Lakes Dam under Dam and Reservoir Account III. In addition the WWDO proposes amending RJH Consultants' contract to complete the NEPA review services and final design.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the Level II, Account III projects. Clinton Glick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 3:12 pm.

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**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2017 – WWDC/SWC Joint Meeting, continued**

Chairman David Evans called the workshop to order at 8:32am.

**Commission attendance:**

David Evans, Chairman  
Larry Suchor, Vice-Chairman - Absent  
Kellen Lancaster, Secretary  
Gerald Geis  
Clinton Glick  
Rodney Wagner  
David Evans  
Jeanette Sekan  
Nick Bettas  
Mike Purcell – Absent

**Select Water Attendance:**

Rep. Hans Hunt  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator Dan Dockstader  
Senator Larry Hicks  
Senator Curt Meier  
Rep. John Eklund  
Rep. Stan Blake  
Rep. Dan Laursen  
Rep. Jerry Paxton

**Audience Introductions**

**9. 2019 Funding Recommendations – Continued from November 8, 2018**

• Middle Piney Reservoir Amendment

Sherdan Little made a motion to amend the preliminary recommendation regarding the \$500,000.00 O&M account for Middle Piney Reservoir. His motion to amend included the recommendation to establish the O&M account using Account III funds. Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

• Gillette Regional Extensions Phase IV 2018 AND Gillette Regional Extensions 2017

Based on discussion regarding the recommendations provided to the Commission for the Gillette Regional Extensions Phase IV 2018 and the Gillette Regional Extensions 2017 projects, several members of the affected parties agreed to compromise on multiple points.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on both of the Gillette Regional Extensions projects. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**10. Rehabilitation Program – Account II**

Level III Projects – Account II

• Austin-Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation 2019

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The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$897,800.00 and a 10.5% loan in the amount of \$140,700.00. The remaining funding of \$301,500.00 would have been provided by the Bureau of Reclamation. Jim Eyre, from the Austin-Wall Irrigation District was present to discuss the possibility of providing funding in the amount of \$350,000.00 to replace the outlet works at the very least, while they pursue other funding options for the larger portions of the project.

- *Big Horn Canal Irrigation District Wasteway Rehabilitation 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$643,200.00 and 33% loan in the amount of \$316,800.00, 30 year term, at 4% interest.
- *Bluff/Upper Bluff System Improvements 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$245,220.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$120,780.00, a 20 year term, at 4% interest. John Snyder from the District indicated Water Smart Funds may become available to them. Director LaBonde recommended approving the entire funding request, then reduce the loan amount during construction if other funding sources become available.
- *Cody Canal Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$344,000.00 as a materials only grant. The sponsor share is all costs excluding materials in the amount of \$302,649.00.
- *Deaver Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$424,000.00 as a materials only grant. The sponsor share is all costs excluding materials in the amount of \$475,929.00.
- *Dry Creek Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019*  
The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding due to lack of available funds in WDA II. The request was for a 67% grant in the amount of \$1,090,760.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$537,240.00 for 20 years at 4% interest. This is one of several projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II.
- *Eden Valley Irrigation District System Improvements 2019*

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The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding due to lack of available funds in WDA II. The request was for a 54% grant in the amount of \$351,000.00 and the remaining funding would be from the USBOR Salinity Control Funds in the amount of \$299,000.00. This is one of several projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II.

- Interstate Irrigation & Reservoir District Rehabilitation 2019

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$280,000 and 33% loan in the amount of \$137,100 for the Burnt Fork Diversion Structure. He indicated the reason for not providing additional funding was due to lack of available funding in Account II. He also identified that this diversion structure and most of the canal are located in Utah. However, 97% of the lands served by these facilities are located in Wyoming. Discussion followed. Sponsor Bryon Thomas indicated the SEO would be providing actuators for new head gates to facilitate management via satellite due to the remoteness of the district lands. Trout Unlimited and USBOR Salinity Control funds may provide partial funding as well.

- Lakeview Irrigation District Carter Creek Siphon/Spillway 2019

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$235,170.00 as a 67% grant and a 33% loan in the amount of \$115,830.00 with a 50 year term and 4% interest.

- Lovell Irrigation District Moncur Lateral Rehabilitation 2019

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 100% materials only grant in the amount of \$1,670,000.00. The sponsor is responsible for all costs excluding materials in the amount of \$967,402.00.

- Midvale Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 100% materials only grant in the amount of \$559,000.00. The sponsor is responsible for all costs excluding materials in the amount of \$267,000.00.

- Shoshone Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 100% materials only grant in the amount of \$181,000.00. The sponsor is responsible for all costs excluding materials in the amount of \$291,000.00.

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- Wheatland Irrigation District Tunnel Dam Rehabilitation 2019  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$259,960.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$128,040.00 with a 50 year term and 4% interest for Design Only.
  - Wind River Inter-Tribal Council Rehabilitation 2019  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 50% grant in the amount of \$929,000.00. The remaining 50% funding will be provided through the WINN Act and/or IRRIGATE Act.  
Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the Level III, Account II projects with the exception of the Austin-Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation 2019 project. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Director's no funding recommendation for the Austin-Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation 2019 project. Nick Bettas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Sheridan Little and Gerry Geis opposed.

Level III Projects – Amendments - Account III:

- Cokeville Tri-Diversion Structure  
The Director's recommendation was to provide increased funding in the amount of \$89,436.00. The request is to supplement additional funding secured from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Fund.
- Eden Valley Farson Lateral  
The Director's recommendation was to provide increased grant funding in the amount of \$710,000.00 and a \$200,000.00 loan as a result of bids received in excess of the available funding for the project.
- Pinev & Cruse Canal Piping  
The Director's recommendation was to grant the request for a time extension for a period of three years. The project is taking more time than expected due to right of way issues involving private landowners. The reversion date is extended from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2022.
- Small Water Project Program – Rehabilitation  
The Director's recommendation was to provide additional funding in the amount of \$700,000.00 to meet future project application demands.



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- Sponsor's Contingency Fund – Rehabilitation

The Director's recommendation was to provide additional funding in the amount of \$700,000.00 to meet anticipated increased use of this fund due to anticipated higher bids in the construction sector.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for the Level III Projects – Amendments, Account II. Sheridan Little seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Wagner made a motion to reconsider the Austin-Wall Reservoir Rehabilitation 2019 funding recommendation. He moved to approve funding in the amount of \$234,500.00 as a 67% grant and \$115,500.00 as 33% loan to remove and replace the outlet works structure. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion. The motion carried with Nick Bettas and Jeanette Sekan opposed. This is one of several projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II.

#### Level II Projects – Account II

- Boulder Irrigation District Rehabilitation

The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding in the amount of \$171,000.00 due to lack of available funds in WDA II. The request was for a Level II Rehabilitation Study to explore options available to the Boulder Irrigation District to improve efficiency and reduce seepage on their main canal and assess the condition of their reservoir spillway. This is one of several projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II. Discussion followed regarding consultant selection having already taken place. If the funds transfer does not occur, it would be up to the Commission if they chose to place this on hold for the next round of funding projects. Senator Hicks encouraged local districts and sponsors to contact their local legislators and encourage them to support these projects.

- LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation

The Director's recommendation was to not approve funding in the amount of \$290,000.00 due to lack of available funds in WDA II. The request is for a Level II study to build on the Level I Master Plan that is inventorying and assessing their storage and transmission system, investigation conveyance losses, assessing rock fall mitigation measures below their dam, and identifying and prioritizing capital improvement projects for financial planning.

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This is one of several projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II. Discussion followed regarding consultant selection having already taken place.

Kellen Lancaster made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on both Level II projects. The motion also provides for funding both projects, subject to the transfer of funds to Account II. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Level I Projects – Account II

- Bluff-Upper Bluff Irrigation Districts Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding in the amount of \$123,000.00 due to lack of available funds in WDA II. The request is for a Level I Study to inventory and assess structures on their system, investigate conveyance losses, and identify capital improvements projects for financial planning. This is one of several projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II. Discussion followed regarding consultant selection having already taken place.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation to not approve funding, due to lack of funds unless the transfer of funds to Account II takes place. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **11. Consideration of Sponsor's Contingency Fund (WDA II) request**

- *Shoshone Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2017 project*

An additional \$15,000.00 is requested so they may award the bid to the lowest bidder and provide for a 5% contingency on invoiced items.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Sponsor's Contingency Fund request and authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract Amendment prior to the next meeting. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

The Select Water Committee voted to concur; Representative Dan Laursen abstained.

#### **12. SWC's Consideration of Draft Legislation**

The Select Water Committee discussed draft legislation, 19LSO-0120-Senate Confirmation of water appointments. Senator Larry Hicks lead the discussion. Anne McKinnon provided public testimony in opposition to the bill. State Engineer Pat Tyrrell also provided testimony in opposition to the bill.

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### **13. Director's Comments**

Director LaBonde informed and reminded the Commission to complete and return their Financial Disclosure forms to the Secretary of State's office by January 1, 2019

The Director and Senator Ogden Driskill indicated a preliminary compromise had been reached on the Gillette Madison issues, with nothing further to discuss at this time.

### **14. Future Meeting Schedule**

December 12-13, 2018 – Cheyenne, WY for WWDC to discuss final funding recommendations.

December 14, 2018 – Cheyenne, WY for SWC to discuss final funding recommendations. Meeting to be held at the WWDO.

March 14-15, 2019 – Cheyenne, WY for WWDC for Contract Approval

March 2019 (TBD) – Cheyenne, WY for SWC for Contract Approval.

Select Water Committee had several questions regarding the process and encouraged open communications between the commission and committee.

### **15. Adjourn**

Kellen Lancaster made a motion to adjourn at 11:40am, Rodney Wagner seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellen Lancaster, Secretary