
**Wyoming Water Development Commission
Workshop
Wyoming Water Development Office
6920 Yellowtail Rd, Cheyenne, WY
December 12, 2018**

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

Roll Call

Commission attendance:

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

Select Water Attendance:

Senator Glenn Moniz
Representative Stan Blake
Representative Dan Laursen
Representative John Eklund

2. **Audience Introduction**

3. **Review Public Hearing – Proposed Level III Projects**

Barry Lawrence gave a summary review of the fifteen (15) public hearings conducted around the state between December 3 and December 7, 2018.

4. **Financial Status Report**

Director LaBonde reviewed the financial projections provided to the Commission for Water Development Accounts I, II and III. Director LaBonde recommended requesting excess funds be transferred from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir account to Water Development Account II to fund 6 projects total; 3 planning and 3 construction.

5. **Discussion**

Director LaBonde provided updated project information for discussion at the Thursday, December 13, 2018 meeting.

The workshop adjourned at 2:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,



for Kellen Lancaster, Secretary

**Wyoming Water Development Commission
Meeting
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December 13, 2018**

1. Chairman David Evans called the meeting to order at 8:31am.

2. Recognition of members present to establish a quorum

Commission attendance:	Select Water Attendance:
David Evans, Chairman	Senator Curt Meier
Larry Suchor, Vice-Chairman	Senator Glenn Moniz
Kellen Lancaster, Secretary	Representative Stan Blake
Gerald Geis	Representative Dan Laursen
Mike Purcell	Representative John Eklund
Rodney Wagner	
Nick Bettas	
Jeanette Sekan	
Clinton Glick	
Sheridan Little	

3. Audience introductions

4. Approval of Minutes

Rodney Wagner made a motion to approve the November 7, 2018 Workshop minutes; Sheridan Little seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the November 8, 2018 WWDC/SWC Meeting minutes. Gerry Geis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Closeout of Planning Projects

- Big Horn Regional Southern Supply Study, Level II
Kevin Boyce, Project Manager provided a brief summary of project findings and final project costs.
Gerry Geis moved acceptance of the Big Horn Regional Southern Water Supply, Level II Study as being complete, and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:
 1. That the Commission recommend: Terminating further consideration of the proposed project.
Nick Bettas seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Greybull River Watershed Study, Level I

Jodee Pring, for previous Project Manager Dave Myer, provided a brief summary of project findings and final project costs. Gerry Geis moved acceptance of the Greybull River Watershed, Level I Study as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

Clinton Glick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hanover Irrigation District Master Plan, Phases I & II, Level I

Peter Gill, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings and final project costs. Discussion followed. Gerry Geis moved acceptance of the Hanover Irrigation District Level I, Phases I & II project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

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

Nick Bettas seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Hog Island Water Supply Study, Level I

Kevin Boyce, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings and final project costs. Gerry Geis moved acceptance of the Hog Island Water Supply, Level I Study as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: Terminating further consideration of the proposed project. Discussion followed.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Kirby Ditch Rehabilitation Study, Level I

Chace Tavelli, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings and final project costs. Jeanette Sekan moved acceptance of the Kirby Ditch Rehabilitation Study, Level I project report as being complete and further the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: 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.

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

6. Planning Amendments

- Powder/Tonque/Northeast Groundwater Study, Amendment No. 1

An interim amendment to the Agreement with the Wyoming State Geological Survey (WSGS), was presented. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The Agreement amount is not changed by this Amendment.

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

- Powder/Tonque/Northeast River Basin Plan Update, Amendment No. 3

An interim amendment to the engineering Contract with RE/SPEC INC., was presented. The amendment serves to: a) correct the Consultant's name; and b) to extend the term of the contract from December 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The Contract amount is not changed by the Amendment.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Amendment, Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. Small Water Project Program

- Muddy Creek Check Structure, Amendment No. 1

An interim amendment to the Agreement with the Little Snake River Conservation District was presented. The amendment serves to extend the term of the agreement from December 31, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Amendment. Rodney Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

8. Preparation for 2019 Legislature

- Omnibus Water Bill – Planning

Director LaBonde reviewed the items included in the draft bill. Discussion followed regarding several items including the Crook County Rural Water Supply Plan as well as the three projects dependent upon the funds transfer from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account to WDA II. Additional funds for the Groundwater Grant program were discussed. Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the draft bill. Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Omnibus Water Bill – Construction

Director LaBonde reviewed the items included in the draft bill. Due to legislation enacted in 2018 concerning sinking funds, the general conditions had to be updated. Director LaBonde also discussed the three projects dependent upon the funds transfer from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir account to WDA II. He also outlined the request for the funds transfer. Discussion followed. Gerry Geis made a motion to amend language in reference to the Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe and the Northern Arapaho Indian tribe to be the Business Council of each respective tribe on pages 2 and 52, as well as the Eden Valley Farson Lateral Rehabilitation Project to correct the grant amount to \$3,076,000.00, and the total appropriation amount to be \$3,276,000.00, Larry Suchor seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Update of Level III Construction Projects

Bryan Clerkin gave an update on the following Level III Construction Projects:

- Dry Creek Irrigation District Pipeline Replacement 2017
- Melody Ranch Water System Improvements 2017
- Northwest Rural Water System Improvements 2018
- Wheatland Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2015

10. Discussion

- Lake DeSmet and Healy Reservoir Report – Director LaBonde reviewed the 2018 Annual Report on Operations of Lake DeSmet Reservoir, Healy Reservoir and Dam, and Administration of the Lake DeSmet Reservoir Account for the Commission and member of the Select Water Committee. The report was submitted to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Select Water Committee.
- Legislative Report
Director LaBonde reported to the Commission and Select Water Committee the Annual Legislative Report was completed. Chapter 4 which lists all completed projects was taken out of the printed version, but available electronically.
- Future Contract Amendment
Jason Mead presented information regarding future contract amendments to the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Final Design. Time being of the essence, it was most prudent to proceed with the additional work for this project in order to save time and money. An amendment will be presented to the Commission in March 2019.

- Director Announcements

Director LaBonde acknowledged and thanked Nick Bettas and Jeanette Sekan for their eight years of service to the Commission.

Director LaBonde announced his retirement effective March 15, 2019. He also indicated he would like to continue his work on the PRRIP Committee.

11. Future Meetings Schedule

The Commission will meet next on March 14-15, 2019 in Cheyenne.

12. Adjourn

Gerry Geis made a motion to adjourn, Sheridan Little seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



for
Kellen Lancaster, Secretary