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**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee  
Joint Meeting  
Union/University Building (UU) Rm 322, Casper, WY  
November 14-15, 2019**

1. Chairman Larry Suchor called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

**2. Roll Call**

Commission attendance:  
Larry Suchor, Chairman  
Kellen Lancaster, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Purcell, Secretary  
Gerald Geis  
Clinton Glick  
Rodney Wagner  
Ron Kailey  
Mark Kot  
Bill Yankee  
Sheridan Little

Select Water Attendance:  
Senator Larry Hicks  
Rep. Dan Laursen  
Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton  
Senator Glenn Moniz  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator Dan Dockstader  
Rep. Stan Blake  
Rep. John Eklund

**3. Audience Introductions**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the October 4, 2019 WWDC Meeting minutes. Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**5. Planning Amendments**

- *Alkali Creek Reservoir Project Third-Party NEPA Contractor Services, Amendment No. 1*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with SWCA, Incorporated was presented. The amendment serves to extend the term of the Contract from June 30, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The Contract amount is not changed by this Amendment.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Alkali Creek Reservoir Project Third-Party NEPA Contractor Services, Amendment No. 1. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation, Level II, Amendment No. 1*

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Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest. Jason Mead presented the Amendment.

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Re/Spec Inc., was presented by Jason Mead. The amendment serves to: a) replace Attachment "A" with a new Attachment "A" and b) change the responsibilities of the Consultant. The Contract amount is not changed by this amendment.

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation, Level II, Amendment No. 1. Bill Yankee seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project Third-Party NEPA Contractor Service, Amendment No. 1

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to extend the term of the Contract from December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The Contract amount is not changed by this Amendment.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project Third-Party NEPA Contractor Services, Amendment No. 1. Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Sheridan Municipal Watershed Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Assessment, Level I, Amendment No. 1

Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest. Jodee Pring presented the Amendment.

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Anchor Point Group, LLC., was presented by Jodee Pring. The amendment serves to extend the term of the Contract from December 31, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The Contract amount is not changed by this Amendment.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Sheridan Municipal Watershed Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Assessment, Level I, Amendment No. 1. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## 6. Closeout of Planning Projects

- Big Laramie River Oasis Ditch Diversion Rehabilitation Study, Level II  
Chace Tavelli, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings.

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Discussion followed concerning an issue with the Smith family property. The issue is being resolved. Mike Purcell moved acceptance of the Big Laramie River Oasis Ditch Diversion Rehabilitation, 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.

Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Hanover Irrigation District Bighorn Flume Replacement Study, Level II  
Jodee Pring, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Gerry Geis moved acceptance of the Hanover Irrigation District Bighorn Flume Replacement 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.

Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Small Water Project Program Amendment**

- Churches Small Water Project, Amendment No. 1  
An interim amendment to the agreement with the Laramie Rivers Conservation District was presented. The Amendment serves to extend the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the Churches Small Water Project, Amendment No. 1. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Groundwater Grant Recommendation and Contract**

Kevin Boyce, Groundwater Grant Project Manager, provided information regarding the Melody Ranch Improvement and Service District Test Well and Pump Tests recommendation and contract. The proposed budget is \$184,125.00. The contract amount is for an amount equal to seventy-five (75%) maximum of total original

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invoices provided for the services described in Attachment A of the Contract. Total payment under the Contract shall not exceed one hundred eighty-four thousand, one hundred twenty-five dollars (184,125.00).

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Contract for the Melody Ranch Improvement & Service District Test Well and Pump Tests. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

In similar action, the Select Water Committee voted to approve the Contract for the Melody Ranch Improvement & Service District Test Well and Pump Tests.

**9. USGS/WWDC – Joint funding agreement for Stream Stats, Phases III & IV**

Jodee Pring presented the joint funding agreement between the USGS and the WWDC Phases III and IV of the Stream Stats. The WWDC portion of the agreement is \$630,880.00. The USGS will contribute \$420,600.00 through in-kind services.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the joint funding agreement. Bill Yankee seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

In similar action, the Select Water Committee voted to approve the joint funding agreement.

**10. 2020 Funding Recommendations – New Development**

**New Development Program – Account I**

Level III Projects – Account I

Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest on 2 projects. Jason Mead will present those projects accordingly.

- Big Horn Regional Transmission 2020

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$4,361,700.00. The remaining funding of \$2,148,300.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board (BHRJPB), potentially utilizing USDA/RD funding.

- Chevenne Transmission, Pump Station & Tank 2020

Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest; Jason Mead presented:

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The recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$8,281,200.00. The remaining funding of \$4,078,800.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the City of Cheyenne, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.

- Cloud Seeding in the Medicine Bow, Sierra Madre and Laramie Mountain Ranges 2020-2021

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$705,000.00 for winter snowpack augmentation. Funds are requested for airborne cloud seeding operations targeting the Medicine Bow, Sierra Madre and Laramie Mountain Ranges, located in southeast Wyoming within the North Platte River Basin, and Little Snake River Basin for the 2020-2021 winter season.

- Cloud Seeding in the Wind River Mountain Ranges 2020-2021

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for winter snowpack augmentation. Funds are being requested for the continuation of cloud seeding operations in the Wind River Range for the 2020-2021 winter season.

- Gillette Regional Extensions – Phase V 2020

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$3,088,700.00. The remaining funding of \$1,521,300.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the City of Gillette with support of the Campbell County Commission, through the Campbell County Capital Facilities Tax.

- Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2020

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$958,100.00. The remaining funding of \$471,900.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Glenrock, potentially utilizing SLIB MRG funds.

- Guernsey Transmission Pipeline 2020

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$2,063,600.00. The remaining funding of \$1,016,400.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Guernsey, from a specific purpose tax in Platte County.

- Newcastle Water System Improvements 2020

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$113,900.00. The remaining funding of \$56,100.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the City of Newcastle.

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- Northwest Rural Water System Improvements 2020  
The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$676,700.00. The remaining funding of \$333,300.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Northwest Rural Water District, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.
  - Sheridan Area Water Supply Transmission 2020  
The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only, in the amount of \$3,102,100.00. The remaining funding of \$1,527,900.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Sheridan Area Water Supply Joint Powers Board (SAWS JPB), through a requested grant under the AML Public Infrastructure Program.
  - Sundance Tank 2020  
The Director's recommendation was to not approve funding in the amount of \$150,750.00 for the City of Sundance to pay for a de-obligation of FEMA loan funds related to the Sundance Storage Tank (2012). Discussion followed. The Select Water Committee proposed providing the funding through the Omnibus Water Bill – Construction during the 2020 Legislative session.

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the Director's funding recommendations for the above noted Level III, New Development Projects. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### Level III Project Amendments – Account I

- Arapahoe Pipeline and Tank  
Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest. Jason Mead presented the project.  
  
The Director's recommendation was to approve the three-year time extension to allow the Northern Arapaho Tribe time to secure the additional USDA-RD funding they've been granted. This extends the reversion date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023.
- Casper Zone II 2015  
The Director's recommendation was to approve the one-year time extension to allow the City of Casper to continue the work on an additional 12-inch PVC pipeline on the western side of Casper. The project was held up for over two years as the City negotiated project easements. This extends the reversion date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021.

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- *Gillette Madison Pipeline*

The Director's recommendation was to approve the two-year time extension to allow the City of Gillette to complete two outstanding construction projects, delayed due to the WYDEQ's Madison Well investigations. This extends the reversion date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022.

- *Green River-Rock Springs-Sweetwater County Raw Water Reservoir*

The Director's recommendation was to approve the two-year time extension to allow the GR/RS/SC JPWB to continue progress on the raw water reservoir. The reservoir had several issues upon initial filling in 2016. The sponsor is in the process of hiring a new engineering design team to develop bid plans and specifications to remediate the issues with the reservoir.

- *Lander Storage Tanks and Pump Station 2019*

Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest. Jason Mead presented the project.

The recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$3,423,700.00 as a 67% grant to construct a new 4MG Ellis storage tank, hospital pump station relocation/replacement, transmission line/PRV bypass at the Mager Tank site, and a rodeo-site PRV.

- *Laramie North Side Tank*

The Director's recommendation was to approve the two-year time extension to allow the City of Laramie to continue with project design and construction. The project delays are due to easement negotiations. This extends the reversion date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022.

- *Lower Nowood Rural Water Supply*

The Director's recommendation was to approve the two-year time extension to allow the Lower Nowood I&SD time to complete the design and construction of the project following delays from the BLM easement approval process. This extends the reversion date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022.

- *Riverton Water Supply*

The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$737,000.00 as a 67% grant to continue work after delays in easement negotiations. A one-year time extension is also recommended. This extends the reversion date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021.

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- Small Water Project Program – New Development

The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to meet project application demands.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Director's Level III, New Development Amendments. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Level II Projects – Account I

- Happy Valley Water Supply

The Director's recommendation was to provide \$59,000.00 for a study to evaluate the current condition of their water system and provide the tools and guidance necessary to assist in the planning, rehabilitation, upgrading, and managing of their system.

- Skyline Improvement & Service District Water Supply

The Director's recommendation was to provide \$93,000.00 for a study to evaluate the current condition of their water system and provide the tools and guidance necessary to assist in the planning, rehabilitation, upgrading, and managing of their system.

- South End Water Users Improvement & Service District Transmission

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$142,000.00 for a study to explore extending existing lines to provide water to those who are hauling water. The study will also consider minimizing and eliminating dead end lines to reduce water loss and avoid water quality issues.

Kellen Lancaster declared a conflict of interest on the Happy Valley Water Supply Project. Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Director's Level II, New Development Project recommendations for the Skyline I&SD Water Supply and the South End Water Users I&SD Transmission projects. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on the Happy Valley Water Supply Project. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried, with one conflict.

Level I Projects – Account I



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- *Bridger Valley Regional Master Plan*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Bridger Valley Joint Powers Board to evaluate the current condition of their water system and provide the tools and guidance necessary to assist in the planning, rehabilitation, upgrading, and managing of their system. The plan would also provide reconnaissance-level information regarding costs and scheduling. This Level I study would need to include Fort Bridger, Lyman, Mountain View, and Urie, which are currently served by the JPB water system.
  - *Cody Water Master Plan*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$205,000.00 for the City of Cody to analyze both the drinking and raw water systems, update hydraulic models and mapping, determine future growth and water needs, and develop a schedule for system upgrades and the corresponding rate structure necessary to accommodate those upgrades.
  - *LaGrange Water Master Plan*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$114,000.00 for the Town of LaGrange to identify the components of their existing system which are deficient and to provide a schedule for improvements.
  - *Lower Shoshone Watershed Study*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$231,000.00 for the Shoshone Conservation District to evaluate current watershed processes and to develop water projects on the ground.
  - *Pavillion Water Master Plan*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$135,000.00 for the Town of Pavillion 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.
  - *Pinedale Water Master Plan*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$172,000.00 for the Town of Pinedale to evaluate their water system, update hydraulic models and mapping, determine future growth and water needs, identify options for water treatment, identify an alternate source of water to meet EPA requirements, and evaluate water rates to accommodate the findings of the plan.

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- Sheridan Municipal Watershed Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Assessment. Phase II  
Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest. Jason Mead presented the project.

The recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the Sheridan Area Water Supply Joint Powers Board to complete a full Hazard Mitigation Assessment for the Tongue River Watershed upstream of Ranchester. This will include the towns of Dayton and Ranchester.

The analysis will be used to identify areas that present a risk to water quality and will also be used to prioritize mitigation needs. This Phase II to the existing study would include 1) updating the existing fire model to include planned and future forest management projects, 2) conducting the postfire hydrologic assessment, and 3) writing the wildfire hazard mitigation plan including the priority matrix of critical areas for the Tongue River Watershed.

- Shoshoni Water Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$157,000.00 for the Town of Shoshoni to identify 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.

Clinton Glick made a motion to approve the Director's Level I, New Development project recommendations. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### General – Account I

- UW Office of Water Programs

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$175,000.00 to fund the Office of Water Programs for the upcoming biennium (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

- UW Water Research Program

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding, an amount yet to be determined, for projects recommended by the WRP Advisory Committee. The recommended amount of funding will be presented at the January meeting during draft bill consideration.

Bill Yankee made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the two General, Account I projects. The funding amount of the UW Water Research

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Program will be determined in January. Ron Kailey seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## 11. Dams and Reservoirs Program – Account III

### Level III Projects – Amendments

- *Alkali Creek Reservoir*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$24,000,000.00 as a 100% grant. Due to design changes resulting from the final geotechnical investigation, as well as refinement of project components and unit prices, the Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost has increased. Therefore, it is recommended the project appropriation be increased. Discussion followed.
- *Leavitt Reservoir Expansion*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 as a 100% grant. Due to design changes resulting from the final geotechnical investigation, as well as refinement of project components and unit prices, the Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost has increased. Therefore, it is recommended the project appropriation be increased. Discussion followed.
- *Sheridan Supplemental Storage*  
The Director's recommendation was to approve the five-year time extension to allow the Sheridan Area Water Supply Joint Powers Board and the City of Sheridan to secure the targeted volume of storage and would appreciate having a five-year time extension before any remaining balance of the appropriation reverted. The appropriation will remain in Water Development Account III and accrue interest earnings on investments made by the State Treasurer's Office.

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the Level III, Amendments. Bill Yankee seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 2:52 pm.

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**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2019 – WWDC/SWC Joint Meeting. continued**

Chairman Larry Suchor called the workshop to order at 8:30am.

**Commission attendance:**

Larry Suchor, Chairman  
Kellen Lancaster, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Purcell, Secretary  
Gerald Geis  
Clinton Glick  
Rodney Wagner  
Mark Kot  
Bill Yankee  
Sheridan Little  
Ron Kailey – Absent

**Select Water Attendance:**

Senator Larry Hicks  
Rep. Dan Laursen  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator Glenn Moniz  
Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton  
Rep. John Eklund  
Rep. Stan Blake

**Audience Introductions**

At 8:32 am Gerry Geis made a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice. Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

At 8:54 am Gerry Geis made a motion to return to regular session. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**12. Rehabilitation Program – Account II**

Level III Projects – Account II

The agenda was modified to move the Transfer of Funds from Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account to the first item of business.

• *Transfer of Funds from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account*

The Director's recommendation was to transfer excess funds in the amount of \$7,000,000.00 from the Buffalo Bill Dam Account to Water Development Account II. On August 16, 2019, the WWDC formally approved a request to the legislature to redirect the \$7,000,000.00 from WDA I to WDA II to mitigate the funding shortfall for rehabilitation projects.

Kellen Lancaster made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir Account to WDA II with the Legislature's approval. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

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- *Big Horn Canal Irrigation District Wasteway/Check Replacement 2020*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$1,112,200 and 33% loan in the amount of \$547,800.00, 30-year term, at 4% interest.
  - *Cottonwood Irrigation District Transmission Pipeline 2020*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$1,031,800.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$508,200.00, a 40-year term, at 4% interest.
  - *Deaver Irrigation District Frannie Canal Drop Chute #1 2020*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$166,200.00 as a 100%, materials only grant. The sponsor share is all costs excluding materials in the amount of \$133,410.00.
  - *Dry Creek Irrigation District Transmission Pipeline Replacement 2020*  
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 \$897,800.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$442,200.00 for a 20-year term at 4% interest. This is one of two projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II.
  - *Eden Valley Irrigation & Drainage District Farson Lateral 2020*  
The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding due to lack of available funds in WDA II. The request was for a 60% grant in the amount of \$2,262,000.00 and the remaining 40% funding would be from the USBOR Salinity Control Funds in the amount of \$1,508,000.00. This is the second of two projects identified for funding if excess Buffalo Bill reservoir funds are transferred to Account II.
  - *Enterprise Watershed Improvement District Canal Lining 2020*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$408,700.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$201,300.00 for a 50-year term at 4% interest.
  - *Kirby Ditch Irrigation District Pipeline 2020*  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$1,547,700.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$762,300.00 with a 30-year term at 4% interest.

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- Laramie Valley Diversion Structure 2020

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$770,500.00 and a 33% loan in the amount of \$379,500.00 with a 20-year term at 4% interest.

- Savery-Little Snake River WCD Savery Creek Diversion 2020

The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$301,500.00. The Sponsor would be responsible for \$148,500.00, paid for through NRCS contracts. The recommendation to not fund was based on the question of exchange of adequate consideration of public benefit for the use of funds on private lands. Discussion followed.

Gerry Geis made a motion to table until January 2020. Mike Purcell seconded the motion. Motion failed with Sheridan Little, Clinton Glick, Gerry Geis and Kellen Lancaster in favor of tabling. Rod Wagner, Bill Yankee, Mark Kot, Mike Purcell and Larry Suchor opposed to tabling.

- Sidon Irrigation District Sidon Canal 2020

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 100%, materials only grant in the amount of \$1,060,000.00. The sponsor is responsible for all costs excluding materials in the amount of \$693,857.00.

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the Director's Level III, Account II recommendations with the exception of the Savery-Little Snake River WCD Savery Creek Diversion 2020. The motion was amended to also set aside the Enterprise Watershed Improvement District Canal Lining 2020 for conflict of interest by Bill Yankee and Dry Creek Irrigation District Frannie Canal Drop Chute #1 2020 for conflict of interest by Kellen Lancaster. Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the Enterprise Watershed Improvement District Canal Lining 2020. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried with Bill Yankee recused.

Sheridan Little made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the Dry Creek Irrigation District Transmission Pipeline Replacement 2020. Mike Purcell seconded the motion; motion carried with Kellen Lancaster recused.

Bill Yankee made a motion to reject the Director's do not fund recommendation on the Savery-Little Snake River WCD Savery Creek Diversion 2020 and to fund

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and approve the project. Mark Kot seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried with Gerry Geis opposed.

Level III Projects – Amendments - Account III:

- Wheatland Irrigation District Tunnel Dam Rehabilitation 2019  
The Director's recommendation was to provide increased funding in the amount of \$5,150,000.00 as a 67% grant in the amount of \$3,450,500.00 and a 33% grant in the amount of \$1,699,500.00 with a 50-year term at 4% interest. The Wheatland Irrigation District received Level III design only funding from the 2019 Wyoming Legislature. The District is nearing completion of the 90% project design and is requesting construction funding in order to bid the project in Spring 2020.
- Small Water Project Program – Rehabilitation  
The Director's recommendation was to provide additional funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 to meet project application demands.
- Sponsor's Contingency Fund – Rehabilitation  
The Director's recommendation was to provide additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to meet anticipated increased use of this fund due to anticipated higher bids in the construction sector. Discussion followed; Senator Hicks suggested creating a contingency fund for Account III as well.

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

Level II Projects – Account II

- Highland Hanover Irrigation District Pump Station  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Highland Hanover Irrigation District to proceed with an engineering study to assess the most effective way to rehabilitate Pump Station #2 on the Highland Hanover irrigation system.
- LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation, Phase II  
Director Gebhart declared a conflict of interest. Jason Mead presented the project.

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The recommendation was to approve funding, an amount yet to be determined, but will be presented at the January meeting during draft bill consideration. The appropriation would increase the project budget to allow the consultant to be able to complete the rockfall hazard analysis and mitigation plan.

Level I Projects – Account II

- Owl Creek Irrigation District Lucerne Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$170,000.00 for the Owl Creek Irrigation District to address recommendations identified in the 2017 Owl Creek Watershed Level I Study for the Lucerne area of the District. The system's failing infrastructure creates high operation and maintenance costs which must be passed on to shareholders.

Clinton Glick made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations for the Level I, Account II project. Mike Purcell amended the motion to include the Level II Projects Highland Hanover Irrigation District Pump Station and the LaPrele Irrigation District Rehabilitation. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**13. Director's Comments**

No comments provided.

**14. Future Meeting Schedule**

January 8-9, 2020 – Cheyenne, WY for WWDC to discuss final funding recommendations and draft bills for the 2020 Legislative session.

January 10, 2020 – Cheyenne, WY for SWC to discuss final funding recommendations and draft bills for the 2020 Legislative session.

**15. Adjourn**

Sheridan Little made a motion to adjourn at 11:46 am, Gerry Geis seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Purcell, Secretary