
**Wyoming Water Development Commission
Meeting**
Wyoming Water Development Office
6920 Yellowtail Road Cheyenne, Wyoming
July 1, 2020

**Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held by teleconference with two commissioners attending in person.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lancaster at 1:38 p.m.

2. **Roll Call – Recognition of Members present to establish a quorum**

Commission attendance:

Kellen Lancaster, Chairman, via phone
Clinton Glick, Vice Chairman, via phone
Ron Kailey, Secretary
Gerry Geis, via phone
Mark Kot, via phone
Sheridan Little, absent
Mike Purcell
Larry Suchor, via-phone
Rodney Wagner, via phone
Bill Yankee, via phone

Advisors in Attendance:

Andrew Kuhlmann, Attorney General's Office
Greg Lanning, Wyoming State Engineer

3. **Audience Introductions**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- June 11, 2020 – WWDC Meeting Minutes

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 WWDC meeting. Bill Yankee seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Adoption of Emergency Rules for Emergency Water Projects**

Director Gebhart stated that Beth Callaway from Governor Gordon's office provided preliminary comments regarding irrigation infrastructure and eligible expenses. He added that those comments have been incorporated into the documents. Beth Callaway attended the first portion of the teleconference to provide clarification and answer any questions should they arise.

It was also discussed that irrigation infrastructure refers only to the emergency affected infrastructure.

Director Gebhart stated that 3 key issues from the June 11, 2020 WWDC meeting were:

- An abbreviated application process in order to respond quickly to the emergency
- What is required initially of the Sponsor in order to begin the process
- The Office's role in the review and approval of construction budgets and construction plans

In providing an abbreviated application process, a 2 phased approach was discussed. Applicants may submit an initial or phase 1 application based on their knowledge or understanding of the situation at the time of the application.

Applicants shall submit supplemental information, or phase 2, of their application with new or more accurate information as it becomes available to them, or in response to the Commission's or the Office's request for additional information.

Mike Purcell made a motion to approve the adoption of Emergency Rules for Emergency Water Projects. Ron Kailey seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

6. Adoption of Final Rules for Emergency Water Projects

Bill Yankee made a motion to start promulgation of final rules for emergency water projects. Mark Kot seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Following Governor's office approval, there will be a 45-day public comment period with final approval of the rules expected at the November WWDC meeting.

7. Discussion

There was no further discussion.

8. Future Meetings Schedule

August 12-14 in Wheatland to include a tour, meeting and workshop. Due to the pandemic a virtual meeting option will be available as well.

Clinton Glick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. Bill Yankee seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Kailey, Jr., Secretary