
**Wyoming Water Development Commission Meeting
Cheyenne, Wyoming
October 8, 2021**

1. Chairman Clinton W. Glick called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. **Recognition of Members Present to Establish Quorum** – Secretary Ron Kailey
Commission Attendance:
Clinton W. Glick, Chairman
Bill Yankee, Vice-Chairman
Ron Kailey, Jr., Secretary
Liisa Anselmi-Dalton
Robert Choma
Leonard A. “Lee” Craig
Mark Kot
John Lawson
Sheridan Little
Larry Suchor

Advisor Attendance:
Darren Cook, Attorney General’s Office
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Commissioner Ron Kailey moved acceptance of the August 11, 2021 Workshop and August 13, 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.
5. **2022 Planning Projects Consultant Selection Approval**
 - Clarks Fork/Upper Shoshone Watershed Study, Level I
Commissioner Lee Craig moved that the Director be instructed to begin contract negotiations with Trihydro Corporation for consulting services on the Clarks Fork/Upper Shoshone Watershed Study, Level I Project with a recommended appropriation of \$396,000.

Commissioner Ron Kailey seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.
 - Dayton Water Master Plan, Level I
Commissioner Sheridan Little moved that the Director begin contract negotiations with Engineering Associates for consulting services on the Dayton Water Master Plan Level I Project with a recommended appropriation of \$167,000.

Commissioner Bill Yankee seconded the motion. Commissioner John Lawson recused himself from the vote. Motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

- *Riverton Regional Water Master Plan, Level I*

Commissioner Bill Yankee moved that the Director be instructed to begin contract negotiations with William H. Smith & Associates for consulting services on the Riverton Regional Master Plan, Level I Project with a recommended appropriation of \$256,000.

Commissioner Lee Craig seconded the motion. Commissioner John Lawson recused himself from the vote. Motion carried 9-0.

- *LaGrange Groundwater Supply & Improvements, Level II*

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton moved that the Director be instructed to begin contract negotiations with AVI Professional Corporation for consulting services on the LaGrange Groundwater Supply & Improvements, Level II Project with a recommended appropriation of \$725,000.

Commissioner Ron Kailey seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Pavillion Groundwater Supply, Level II*

Commissioner Larry Suchor moved that the Director be instructed to begin contract negotiations with James Gores & Associates for consulting services on the Pavillion Groundwater Supply, Level II Project with a recommended appropriation of \$687,000.

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *West Afton/Neild String Master Plan, Level I*

Commissioner Robert Choma moved that the Director be instructed to begin contract negotiations with Sunrise Engineering for consulting services on the West Afton/Neild String Master Plan, Level I Project with a recommended appropriation of \$88,000.

Commissioner Bill Yankee seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Dowlin Diversion Rehabilitation, Level II*

Commissioner Robert Choma moved that the Director be instructed to begin contract negotiations with WWC Engineering for consulting services on the

Dowlin Diversion Rehabilitation, Level II Project with a recommended appropriation of \$110,000.

Commissioner Ron Kailey seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

6. Planning Closeout Memo

- *Bridger Valley Regional Water Master Plan, Level I*

Project Manager Mike Robertson provided a brief overview of the Bridger Valley Regional Water Master Plan, Level I project.

Commissioner Ron Kailey moved acceptance of the Bridger Valley Regional Water Master Plan, Level I project report as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

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

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Happy Valley Water Supply, Level II*

Deputy Director Barry Lawrence provided a brief overview of the Happy Valley Water Supply, Level II project on behalf of retired Project Manager Kevin Boyce.

Commissioner Bill Yankee moved acceptance of the Happy Valley Water Supply, Level II project report as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend proceeding to the Level III of project development upon 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 be realistically provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Highland Hanover ID Pump Station, Level II*

Project Manager Keith Clarey provided a brief overview of the Highland Hanover Irrigation District Pump Station, Level II project.

Commissioner Sheridan Little moved acceptance of the Highland Hanover ID Pump Station, Level II project report as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend proceeding to Level III of project development upon 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 be realistically provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Commissioner Lee Craig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement, Level II, Phase II*

Project Manager Andrew Linch provided a brief overview of the Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement, Level II, Phase II project.

Commissioner Mark Kot moved acceptance of the Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement, Level II, Phase II project as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend terminating further consideration of the Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement project.

Commissioner Robert Choma seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Stateline Dam Enlargement, Level II, Phase II*

Project Manager Andrew Linch provided a brief overview of the Stateline Dam Enlargement, Level II, Phase II project.

Commissioner Mark Kot moved acceptance of the Stateline Dam Enlargement, Level II, Phase II project as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend terminating further consideration of the Stateline Dam Enlargement, Level II, Phase II project.

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Owl Creek Irrigation District Lucerne Master Plan, Level I*

Project Manager Mabel Jones provided a brief overview of the Owl Creek Irrigation District Lucerne Master Plan, Level I project.

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton moved acceptance of the Owl Creek Irrigation District Lucerne Master Plan, Level I project report as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

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

Commissioner Larry Suchor seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Pavillion Water Master Plan, Level I*

Project Manager Keith Clarey provided a brief overview of the Pavillion Water Master Plan, Level I project.

Commissioner Bill Yankee moved acceptance of the Pavillion Water Master Plan, Level I project report as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

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

Commissioner Robert Choma seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Shoshoni Water Master Plan, Level I*

Project Manager Keith Clarey provided a brief overview of the Shoshoni Water Master Plan, Level I project.

Commissioner Ron Kailey moved acceptance of the Shoshoni Water Master Plan, Level I project report as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

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

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- *Skyline ISD Water Supply, Level II*

Project Manager George Moser provided a brief overview of the Skyline ISD Water Supply, Level II project on behalf of retired Project Manager Kevin Boyce.

Commissioner Mark Kot moved acceptance of the Skyline Improvement and Service District Water Supply, Level II project report as being complete and further, the Commission makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend proceeding to the next Level of project development upon 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 be realistically provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Commissioner Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Upper Wind River Instream Flows 2019, Level I
Project Manager Chace Tavelli provided a brief overview of the Upper Wind River Instream Flows 2019, Level I project.

Commissioner Ron Kailey moved acceptance of the Upper Wind River Instream Flows 2019, Level I project report as being complete.

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. Groundwater Exploration Grant Contract Amendment

- Melody Ranch Improvement and Service District
An amendment to extend the expiration date an additional year was considered.

Commissioner Ron Kailey moved acceptance of the amendment. Commissioner Sheridan Little seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

8. Construction Progress Reports

Deputy Director of Construction Bill Brewer provided a brief update for each of the following projects:

- Cowley Tank 2017
- Wheatland Wells 2017
- Douglas Box Elder Spring
- Casper Zone II 2015
- Bluff/Upper Bluff System Improvements 2019
- Casper Alcova Underdrain 2016
- Midvale Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2018

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- Heart Mountain ID Rattlesnake Liner
 - Casper CY Booster Station Replacement 2017
 - Eden Valley Farson

No action was necessary.

9. Director Updates

Director Gebhart discussed ongoing discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation pertaining to the Fontenelle Reservoir water storage. Discussion ensued. The Director also discussed potential federal funding opportunities, such as ARPA funds, and a newly-created position within the Water Development Office to tend to these matters. He also proposed a statewide aging infrastructure project that is set to be brought before the Commission in the spring. Director Gebhart also discussed a letter that had been received from Trout Unlimited related to releases from Buffalo Bill Reservoir. It was discussed that the Bureau of Reclamation will develop a response and allow the WDO and other state agencies the option to co-sign the response after our review and at our discretion.

10. Public Comment

There were no requests to provide public comment.

11. Future Meeting Schedule

A tentative meeting schedule for 2022 was presented, with set meeting dates of January 25-26, 2021.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Ron Kailey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sheridan Little seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Kailey, Jr., Secretary