WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WWDC Workshop
Western Wyoming Community College
2500 College Drive| Rock Springs, WY
Tuesday August 5, 2025

Workshop Minutes

1. Chairman Lee Craig called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. Recognition of Members Present to Establish Quorum – Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton

Commission Attendance:
Leonard "Lee" Craig, Chairman
Bob Choma, Vice-Chairman - Excused
Dennis Pince, Secretary – Excused
Liisa Anselmi-Dalton
Clinton Glick - Excused
Todd Hoese
Ron Kailey, Jr
Mark Kot
John Lawson - Virtual
Ron Vore

Advisor Attendance:
Patrick Kent, Attorney General's Office
Greg Kerr, UW Office of Water Programs

3. Financial Status Update
Fiscal Manager David Ray went over the status of Water Development Accounts I, II, and III. The estimated balance available for Appropriation in Account I is $49,477,191. The estimated balance for Appropriation in Account II is $16,358,935. The estimated balance for Appropriation in Account III is $55,606,610. Fiscal Manager David Ray then discussed Reservoir Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Accounts and associated balances. Discussion ensued.

4. Level II Well-Drilling Process Updates
Project Manager George Moser provided an update on the Level II Well-Drilling process. He explained that the historical approach had been primarily driven by hydrogeologic exploration. Moving forward, projects will be structured to incorporate more financial analysis and assess the Sponsor's needs prior to drilling production-sized wells. A brief discussion ensued.

5. Leavitt Reservoir Update
Deputy Director of Construction Bill Brewer provided an update on the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project. A brief discussion ensued.

6. Sponsor's Contingency Account Requests

   Deputy Director of Construction Bill Brewer presented the Sponsor's Contingency Account Request for the Happy Valley Water Transmission and Storage 2023 Project. The project includes installing a new water transmission line from existing springs and new well to a new water storage tank and a new water transmission line to the District from the tank. This project was awarded to replace two aging pipelines with one common transmission line and construct a water storage tank. The transmission line portion of the project came in approximately $1,000,000 over the Engineer's estimate, leading to a shortfall of funding. The WWDO's recommendation to provide a grant of not more than $365,000 or 50% of the additional funds needed to complete the project. A brief discussion ensued.

7. Discussion

   Director Mead discussed the Goshen Irrigation District Tunnel Rehabilitation project. Kevin Strecker with Goshen Irrigation District (GID), Senator Cheri Steinmetz, and Marcus Krall with HDR all attended virtually to discuss the project. The discussion item was prompted by a letter received from GID requesting clarification regarding the use of the $41,810,000 of appropriated state grant funds for the GID Tunnels 1 and 2 Rehabilitation project. A thorough discussion of project cost, available funding, potential funding, permitting and design, construction schedule and logistics, and statute and construction agreement language ensued. Both the WWDC and SWC agreed the construction funding grant may be used for the rehabilitation of Tunnel 2 and overall GID would be reimbursed 49% of project construction costs until the grant is expended or the project is completed. It was decided to introduce a motion at the Joint WWDC/Select Water Committee meeting on August, 7, 2025.

   Commissioners Liisa Anselmi-Dalton and Mark Kot discussed the trona mine tour to be held the following day. A brief discussion ensued.

8. Adjourn

   Chairman Lee Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

JOINT MEETING: WWDC/SWC
Western Wyoming Community College| Rock Springs, WY
Thursday August 7, 2025

1. Chairman Lee Craig called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. Recognition of Members Present to Establish a Quorum – Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton

Commission Attendance:
Leonard "Lee" Craig, Chairman
Robert "Bob" Choma, Vice-Chairman – Excused
Dennis Pince, Secretary - Excused
Liisa Anselmi-Dalton
Clinton Glick
Todd Hoese
Ron Kailey Jr.
Mark Kot
John Lawson - Virtual
Ron Vore

Select Water Attendance:
Rep. John Eklund, Chairman
Sen. Brian Boner, Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gary Crum
Sen. Tim French - Virtual
Sen. Mike Gierau- Virtual
Sen. Stacy Jones
Sen. Dan Laursen
Rep. Dalton Banks - Virtual
Rep. Ken Chestek
Rep. J.T. Larson
Rep. Martha Lawley
Rep. Tomi Strock

Advisor Attendance:
Patrick Kent, Attorney General's Office
Greg Kerr, UW Office of Water Programs

4. Approval of Minutes
   - May 7th, 2025: WWDC Workshop Minutes
   - May 8th, 2025: WWDC/SWC Joint Meeting Minutes

   A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Kailey Jr. to approve the minutes for the May 7th workshop and the May 8th meeting. Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

5. Planning Closeout Memos
   - Critical Aging Irrigation Infrastructure Assessment, Level I Study

   Project Manager Chace Tavelli presented the Critical Aging Irrigation Infrastructure Assessment, Level I Study Closeout Memo. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton made a motion to move acceptance of the Critical Aging Irrigation Infrastructure Assessment, Level I Study project report as being complete. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Kailey Jr.; motion carried unanimously.

6. Alkali Creek Reservoir Discussion
Director Mead gave a brief update on the Alkali Creek Reservoir project. A long discussion followed.

7. WWDC/OSLI Interagency Agreement West Fork Reservoir Land Exchange
Director Mead reviewed the Interagency Agreement between the Wyoming Water Development Commission and Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments (OSLI).

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton moved that the Commission approve the transfer of $300,000 to the OSLI to use to complete the West Fork Reservoir Land Exchange with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and to approve the interagency agreement upon review and approval of the Attorney General's Office. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Kailey Jr.; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Select Water Committee Member Senator Mike Gierau to recommend the approval of the transfer of $300,000 to OSLI and to approve the interagency agreement upon review and approval of the Attorney General's Office. Seconded by Representative Martha Lawley; motion carried unanimously.

8. Sponsor Contingency Account Requests
Happy Valley Water Transmission and Storage 2023
Deputy Director of Construction Bill Brewer presented the sponsor contingency request for the Happy Valley Water Transmission and Storage 2023 project.

Senator Brian Boner made a motion to approve the office's recommendation to provide 50% or $365,000 to the Happy Valley Water Transmission and Storage Project out of the Sponsor's Contingency Fund. Seconded by Representative Martha Lawley; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton made a motion to move the transfer of $365,000 to the Happy Valley Water Transmission and Storage Project out of the Sponsor's Contingency Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Todd Hoese; motion carried unanimously.

9. Other Items Requiring Commission Action
Director Mead reminded the WWDC and SWC of the Workshop discussion on August 5th, 2025, concerning the Goshen Irrigation District Tunnels 1 and 2 Rehabilitation project and the GID request in regards to being able to utilize the state grant funding in the amount of $41,810,000.

Senator Boner moved to recommend that the $41,810,000 of state construction funding currently available for Goshen Irrigation District Tunnels 1 and 2 Rehabilitation project may be disbursed by the Commission for the Rehabilitation of Tunnel 2. Seconded by Representative Lawley; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Todd Hoese made a motion to move the $41,810,000 of state construction funding currently available for the Goshen Irrigation District Tunnels 1 and 2 Rehabilitation project may be disbursed by the Commission for the Rehabilitation of Tunnel 2. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Kailey Jr.; motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion
    There were no further discussion items brought before the Commission.

11. Future Meetings Schedule
    - WWDC – September 23-25 – Cheyenne – Consultant Selection Interviews & Meeting
    - WWDC/SWC – November 4-6 – Casper – Joint Workshop & Meeting (Funding Recommendations)

12. Adjourn
    A motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wyoming Water Development Commission was made by Commissioner Ron Vore. Commissioner Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pince, Secretary