

Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board
Board Proceedings
Monday, October 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board was held at its Water Treatment Plant, October 12, 2020.

PRESENT: Bryan Lee, Craig Sorenson, Don Richards (by phone), Jim Mentock,
J.R. Gonzales, and Tim Sapp

ABSENT: Roy Holm

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Barsness, Dave Egan, and Susanne Swearingen

Chairman Mentock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Chairman Mentock asked for approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2020 board meeting. Tim Sapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting as printed. Second by J.R. Gonzales. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Bills

Chairman Mentock asked for approval of the October 12, 2020 bills list totaling \$38,809.47. There was brief discussion regarding the bills.

(Craig Sorenson arrived at 10:01 a.m.)

Bryan Lee made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Second by Don Richards. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chairman Mentock asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Update on the SLIB SRF loan application (with principal forgiveness)

- The Manager reported that he has received the signed agreement, as well as Frank Page's engineering agreement. Our attorney, Tracy Copenhaver, will review the latter.
- It will likely be another month before the project gets underway.

SMP Coronavirus operational response

The Manager reported we are still operating under the same COVID-19 guidelines we implemented in March although we are allowing vacations.

NRWD request for approval to withdraw up to 600 gpm from the Southfork SCB

The Manager presented Ed Nowak's calculations on NRWD's request; it is Ed's opinion that this increase will have a negligible impact on our system.

The Manager recommends the board approve NRWD's request.

The Manager also noted that this March, he will put in for funding with the Wyoming Water

Development Commission, for a new master plan for our system.

Craig Sorenson made a motion to approve NRWD's request to withdraw up to 600 gpm from the Southfork SCB. Second by Bryan Lee. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chief Operator's Report

- The Chief Plant Operator gave an overview of the Monthly Production Summary report and there was brief discussion regarding the report.
- Production has dropped since September, though still up 6.7% over last year.
- Chemical costs are down 8% from last month and 15% from last year, due to higher quality water being treated and reduced production.
- THM/DBP testing results came back well within acceptable ranges.
- The new air compressors are installed and working well, without problems.

Chief Pipeline Operator's Report

- The Manager presented the Chief Pipeline Operator's report as he is in a class this morning.
- The pipeline is continuing to run well, without problems.
- The City of Cody wants to pressure test and disinfect the line to where their new tank will be built in the spring, using water from a 30-year-old inactive valve belonging to us. Their request has been denied because of the problems that could be created by disturbing the valve.

Manager's Report

- WYO-STAR interest for September has not posted yet. August's interest for WYO-STAR I was 0.7226% and for WYO-STAR II was 2.1760%.
- Water use figures for September were up 7.1% over last September and up 6.6% for the fiscal year. This was our best September ever.
- The letters from Powell and Cody consenting the Bureau of Reclamation renewal and consolidation of contracts have been received. Byron and Lovell's letters should be in this week. The Manager handed out a sample letter for Shoshone Municipal Pipeline's consent.
- A motion is needed to authorize the Chairman to sign our consent letter.

Bryan Lee made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Shoshone Municipal Pipeline's letter to the Bureau of Reclamation, consenting to the renewal and consolidation of our contract with them. Second by Craig Sorenson. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Other Business

The Manager reported that Susanne Swearingen has submitted her resignation, effective November 30, 2020.

Adjourn

At 10:22 a.m., Craig Sorenson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Second by J.R. Gonzales. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Secretary