

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

A regular meeting of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board was held at its Water Treatment Plant, February 10, 2020.

PRESENT: Bryan Lee, Craig Sorenson, Jim Mentock, Jim Hillberry, J.R. Gonzales,  
and Roy Holm

ABSENT: Don Richards

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Barsness, Dave Egan, Dexter Woodis, 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 January 13, 2020 board meeting. Craig Sorenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting as printed. Second by J.R. Gonzales. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Hillberry, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

**Bills**

Chairman Mentock asked for approval of the February 10, 2020 bills list totaling \$35,496.49. There was brief discussion regarding the bills. Jim Hillberry made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Second by Bryan Lee. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Hillberry, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

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

**WYO-STAR I vs. WYO-STAR II investment information**

- The Manager summarized 290 pages of information he received from WYO-STAR about their investments. WYO-STAR I is basically a money market account. WYO-STAR II is invested mainly in corporate bonds.
- There was discussion regarding WYO-STAR's investment options and the historical returns.
- WYO-STAR II has the potential for higher returns but it comes with more risk, including the possibility of negative returns.
- For the past year, WYO-STAR II has out earned WYO-STAR I every month.

Craig Sorenson made a motion to move the Sinking Fund into WYO-STAR II and to authorize the Manager to open this new account and to authorize the Manager and the Chairman as authorized signers. Second by Jim Hillberry. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Hillberry, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

**Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the State Lands and Investment Board for a loan through the State Revolving Fund**

- The Manager presented the State Lands and Investment Board (SLIB) resolution. SLIB requires that we use their form and wording.
- The Manager reported that Frank Page has estimated the cost for the generator replacement and boiler project completion will be \$1,305,408.00. He reminded the board that there will be up to 50% principal forgiveness on this loan from SLIB.
- The updated resolution will also authorize the Chairman and the Manager to execute the project paperwork.

Jim Hillberry made a motion to pass Resolution 2020-01, authorizing the submission of an application to the State Lands and Investment Board for a loan through the State Revolving Fund, and to authorize the Chairman and the Manager to execute the project paperwork. Second by Bryan Lee. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Hillberry, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

### **Chief Plant Operator's Report**

- The Chief Plant Operator (CPO) gave an overview of the Monthly Production Summary report.
- Production is flat from December. Pipeline water loss is flat. Chemical costs are down slightly, mostly due to decimal point rounding. Overall, production is flat from last year.
- Filter inspections were conducted last week; all filters looked normal. Several media samples were sent to a lab for evaluation.
- The wash water waste valve on Filter #2 has been leaking. The CPO shared a picture of the failing seal. The entire valve will have to be replaced as replacement parts are no longer available. Eight backwash valves are showing signs of deterioration and will need replacing in the near future, at a cost of over \$10,000 each with labor. One valve was replaced 10 years ago. Other valves used in production are also being evaluated for replacement. Most of these valves are close to 30 years old.
- MPA testing is complete – no unusual results.
- The AWWA submitted comments on the EPA's 104-page revised lead/copper rule, encouraging common sense and good science.
- We are getting ready to purchase and implement the GIS system after examining the NRWD's system

### **Chief Pipeline Operator's Report**

- The Chief Pipeline Operator reported that the pipeline is now running as well as it did before the most recent relocation.
- The GIS is being ordered, at an approximate cost of \$15,000. We are saving quite a bit of money by purchasing and implementing this on our own.
- The Chief Pipeline Operator also reported that there are many butterfly valves on the pipeline blow-offs that he is intending to replace with gate valves.

### **Manager's Report**

- WYO-STAR interest for January is not in yet. December's interest was 1.7633%.
- Water use figures for January were up 3% over last January. We are down 0.9% for the fiscal year.
- The tandem axle trailer bid advertisement will begin on February 13, 2020, with three weeks of advertisement. The bid opening will be on March 5th. We anticipate the board awarding the bid at the March 9th board meeting.
- The NRWD is going after a grant for a level one study for the Byron rural water system. A letter of support signed by the Chairman will be sent to them.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

### **Adjourn**

At 10:40 a.m., Craig Sorenson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Hillberry, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary