

Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board

Board Proceedings

Monday, November 8, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board was held on November 8, 2021 at its water treatment plant in Cody, Wyoming.

PRESENT: Chairman Jim Mentock, Vice Chairman Bryan Lee, Secretary Craig Sorenson, Treasurer J.R. Gonzales (via phone), Don Richards, Roy Holm, and Tim Sapp

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Barsness, Manager; Dave Egan, Chief Plant Operator; Dexter Woodis, Chief Pipeline Operator; Lynn Foote, Administrative Assistant; and Tony Rutherford, NRWD

Chairman Mentock called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the October 11, 2021 board meeting minutes. Craig Sorenson made a motion to approve the October 11, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. Second by Don Richards. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Bills

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the November 8, 2021 bills totaling \$56,521.45. There was brief discussion regarding the bills. Bryan Lee made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021 bills as listed. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments

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

Update on the SLIB SRF Projects (Emergency Power & HVAC Upgrades)

The Manager reported that the boiler project is complete, and the Notice of Final Payment for Rawhide Mechanical has been advertised in the Cody Enterprise and Powell Tribune.

The emergency generator replacement project is on hold until the new generators arrive. The portable generator is scheduled to be here mid-December, and the stationary generators are scheduled to be here mid-January.

Update on the USBR renewal and consolidation of the water service contracts

They are still working on the renewals, and when any further updates are available, they will be shared with the Manager.

Update on the filter wash water waste valve replacements

The Manager reported that all 5 valves and materials needed for the final valve replacements have arrived. Work is scheduled to begin December 1, 2021. The plan is to have 2 or 3 completed before Christmas and the remaining valves to be completed after the holidays.

Possible Loan Refinancing

The Manager has received information from First Bank of Wyoming, Wells Fargo, and Pinnacle Bank pertaining to the refinancing request from the board. Wells Fargo is still working on their final proposal but only wants to quote a 10-year fixed rate then adjustable thereafter. Pinnacle Bank reported they would not offer a fixed rate. The board had questions if there would be pre-payment penalties or if the payments can be increased to pay off the loan early. The manager will reach back out to Wells Fargo and First Bank of Wyoming to get final details to allow the board to make a final decision before the offers expire.

Chief Plant Operator's Report

- The Chief Plant Operator reported that things are running well and presented an overview of the Monthly Production Summary report.
- Production for October was down 30% from September due to winter flows but up 4% from last October.
- Chemical costs for October were down 19% from September.
- Operators finished 10 hour days and started working 8 hour days November 1st for the winter season.
- Upcoming projects include the filter wash water waste valve replacements and plant deep cleaning.

Chief Pipeline Operator's Report

- The Chief Pipeline Operator reported that the pipeline continues to run well.
- Work to clean lagoon #1 has been taking place. The sediment will be hauled to the landfill, but it has to be tested before they accept it.
- Currently working on painting pipes at Pressure Control #3.

Manager's Report

- WYO-STAR interest for October has not yet posted. WYO-STAR I interest for September was 0.361%. WYO-STAR II interest for September was 1.160%.
- Water use figures for October were up 3.9% over the previous October. Water use figures are up 6% for the fiscal year.
- There was brief discussion regarding the individual taps on the Deaver/Frannie spur.

Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

Adjourn

At 10:35 a.m. Craig Sorenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bryan Lee. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Secretary