

Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board

Board Proceedings

Monday, August 8, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board was held on August 8, 2022 at its water treatment plant in Cody, Wyoming.

PRESENT: Chairman Jim Mentock, Vice Chairman Bryan Lee, Secretary Craig Sorenson, Roy Holm, and Tim Sapp

ABSENT: Treasurer J.R. Gonzales and Don Richards

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Barsness, Manager; Dave Egan, Chief Plant Operator; Dexter Woodis, Chief Pipeline Operator; Mike Reney, Operator; Lynn Foote, Administrative Assistant; Tony Rutherford, Northwest Rural Water District (NRWD); and Frank Page, Morrison- Maierle

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

Minutes

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the July 11, 2022 board meeting minutes. Craig Sorenson made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 board meeting minutes as presented. Second by Bryan Lee. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the July 11, 2022 executive session minutes. Bryan Lee made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 executive session minutes as presented. Second by Craig Sorenson. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Bills

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the August 8, 2022 bills totaling \$219,713.70. There was brief discussion regarding the bills. Bryan Lee made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022 bills as listed contingent on Change Order #4 being approved. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Tony Rutherford of Northwest Rural Water District (NRWD) commented that Craig Barsness, SMP Manager, and himself met with Joy Hill of Park County Planning and Zoning to discuss her recent radio interviews and newspaper articles that delivered inaccurate information regarding Shoshone Municipal Pipeline, NRWD, and water quantities and availability. They will be working together to provide accurate information to the public and the county offices. Craig Barsness recently took updated charts and graphs to Joy Hill to further explain the water supplies, availability, and the growth of NRWD.

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

The new portable emergency generator and two stationary emergency generators are all here. Work has begun to install the stationary emergency generators. Chief Pipeline Operator Dexter Woodis presented pictures of the project to the board members. Frank Page of Morrison- Maierle led a discussion on the current issues regarding the Emergency Generator project due to incorrect record drawings and the various options to correct them.

There was discussion on Emergency Power Generation Project Change Order #4 for \$34,679.85 related to exhaust and insulation. Roy Holm made a motion to authorize the chairman to approve and sign Change Order #4. Second by Bryan Lee. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

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

The Manager reported the USBR renewal and consolidation of the water service contract has been signed by SMP and all entities. It is currently with the Bureau of Reclamation in Billings waiting for their final signature. Once the final signature is obtained and the contract filed, SMP will receive our copy.

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 July was up 18% from June. July water usage was up 0.48% from last year.
- Chemical costs for July were down 8% from June due to the water cleaning up easier resulting in less chemical use.
- With the generators out of use, the operators have been cautious and running the plant longer resulting in overtime. Operators will soon change to split shift work to lower the overtime.
- The CPO reported on the pipeline RTU project: some equipment has been installed, but we are still waiting on the processors.
- The Sanitary Survey with the EPA has been scheduled for September 29, 2022 at the plant.

Chief Pipeline Operator's Report

- The Chief Pipeline Operator reported the pipeline is running smooth.
- Almost 50% of the vault work is complete.
- There has been slight surging, and he is currently working on fixing this issue.

Manager's Report

- WYO-STAR interest for July has not posted yet. WYO-STAR I interest for June was 0.945%. WYO-STAR II interest for June was 1.764%.
- Water use figures for July were up 0.4% over the previous July.
- The City of Cody's Beacon Hill SCB is still not in use, but the tank is floating off their system.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Executive Session – Personnel

At 10:53 a.m. Tim Sapp made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, per Wyoming Statute 16-4-405. Second by Craig Sorenson. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried. Craig Barsness, Dave Egan, Dexter Woodis, Lynn Foote, Mike Reney, Tony Rutherford, and Frank Page withdrew from the meeting and the executive session commenced. Craig Barsness re-entered the executive session at 11:00 a.m.

No decisions were made.

At 11:13 a.m. the board resumed the regular meeting.

Adjourn

At 11:14 a.m. Bryan Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Craig Sorenson. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Mentock, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Secretary