

Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board

Board Proceedings

Monday, February 13, 2023 - 10:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board was held on February 13, 2023 at its water treatment plant in Cody, Wyoming.

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

ABSENT: None

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)

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

Minutes

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the January 9, 2023 board meeting minutes. Craig Sorenson made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 board meeting minutes as presented. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the January 9, 2023 executive session minutes. Bryan Lee made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 executive session minutes as presented. Second by Tim Sapp. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Bills

Chairman Mentock requested approval of the February 13, 2023 bills totaling \$125,070.01. There was brief discussion regarding the bills. Bryan Lee made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 bills as listed. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

The Manager reported that the generator project is now complete. After we receive the principal forgiveness portion and the final payoff is determined, we will close out the project and pay it off in full.

Proposed Updated Future Service Connection Criteria Policy

The Manager gave an overview of the current policy and the proposed updates. There was a discussion on the proposed changes. Roy Holm made a motion to approved the Future Service Connection Criteria Policy as presented. Second by Tim Sapp. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

PFAS Agreement

The Manager gave an overview of Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) as an emerging contaminate and the cost recovery retainer agreement. There was brief discussion regarding PFAS. DEQ has done PFAS testing in our water treatment plant in the past with non-detectable results. Craig Sorenson made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Second by J.R.

Gonzales. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-01

The Manager gave an overview of the resolution that needs to accompany the Wyoming Water Development Commission Funding Application for a Master Plan. Bryan Lee made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01, authorize the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-01, and submit the master plan. Second by Tim Sapp. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Bid Award for Flatbed Trailer

Three sealed bids were received before the deadline, February 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. The bids received were as follows:

Brett Trudo	\$3,100.00
Jonathan Chuey	\$ 750.00
Dexter Woodis	\$ 750.00

There was brief discussion regarding the bids received. Bryan Lee made a motion to accept the high bid from Brett Trudo for the flatbed trailer. Second by Craig Sorenson. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chief Plant Operator's Report

- The Chief Plant Operator reported things are running well and presented an overview of the Monthly Production Summary report.
- Production for January was similar to December, but production for January was up 8.9% over last January.
- Chemical costs for January were down 8% from December.
- The aluminum sulfate supplier is increasing their rates by 45%, so we are reaching out to new suppliers for cost estimates.
- Operators completed filter inspections last week. Everything looked good, and they did a few valve adjustments as needed.

Chief Pipeline Operator's Report

- The Chief Pipeline Operator reported the pipeline was running well.
- A gate valve broke at the Powell building – the replacement part is backordered, so a custom piece is being fabricated to hold until the replacement is available.
- Lagoon material was hauled off in 4 loads to the landfill. The landfill did not charge us this year as the material is very beneficial to them.
- Cody used their new pump station at Beacon Hill. It ran well for us.

Manager's Report

- WYO-STAR I interest for January was 3.087%. WYO-STAR II interest for January was 2.669%.
- Water use figures for January were up 8.9% over the previous January, but still down 2.7% for the fiscal year.
- The Manager reported that we have not heard from land owner Nathan Kardos, who requested to use our private road, since he attended our November board meeting.
- Verizon contacted SMP about leasing a parcel by the booster pump station for a cell tower. It would be a 25-year lease. The manager recommended the board decline the offer. There was brief discussion, and the board requested more information regarding the lease agreements as they don't see a downside to the proposal at this time. The manager will reach back out to Verizon for lease details and submit them to the attorney for review prior to next month's meeting.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session – Proposed Updated Residency Requirements

At 10:58 a.m. Bryan Lee made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, per Wyoming Statute 16-4-405. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried. Craig Barsness stayed in the meeting. Dave Egan, Dexter Woodis, Lynn Foote, Mike Reney, and Tony Rutherford withdrew from the meeting and the executive session commenced.

At 11:37 a.m. the board resumed the regular meeting.

No decisions were made.

Adjourn

At 11:38 a.m. Bryan Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Secretary