

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

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

PRESENT: Craig Sorenson, Don Richards (by phone), Jim Mentock, J.R. Gonzales, and Roy Holm

ABSENT: Bryan Lee, Jim Hillberry (RIP)

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Rutherford, Craig Barsness, Dave Egan, Dexter Woodis, and Susanne Swearingen

Chairman Mentock called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

### **Minutes**

Chairman Mentock asked for approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2020 board meeting. Craig Sorenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting as printed. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members: Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mentock asked for approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2020 executive session. Roy Holm made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 executive session as printed. Second by Craig Sorenson. AYE: Board Members: Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

### **Bills**

Chairman Mentock asked for approval of the August 10, 2020 bills list totaling \$27,846.70. There was brief discussion regarding the bills. Don Richards made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members: Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

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

### **Election of the Treasurer**

- The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Treasurer; the position is now open due to the passing of Jim Hillberry.
- The Manager gave a brief description of the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer.

Craig Sorenson made a motion to nominate J.R. Gonzales as the Treasurer. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members: Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

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

- The Manager reported that all loan paperwork has been submitted and is now circulating within SLIB's system for checking. A motion is needed to authorize the Chairman and the Secretary to sign the loan documents when they are available. Project work will begin once the signed loan paperwork is submitted.

Don Richards made a motion to authorize the Chairman and the Secretary to sign the SLIB SRF loan documents. Second by J.R. Gonzales. AYE: Board Members: Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

### **SMP Coronavirus operational response**

- The Manager reported we are still operating under the same COVID-19 guidelines we implemented in March, although vacations are now allowed.
- Employees now take their temperatures every morning upon arriving at work.

### **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.
- Plant operations continue as normal. Production is up 9.4% from last July, and up 19% from June. We are having long operation days due to the hot weather.
- Raw water quality has been decent and easy to treat. Chemical costs are down 8% from June and 13% from last July.
- Our most recent sanitary survey now shows no significant deficiencies now that the Byron & Frannie tank/vent project is complete. The next survey will be in 2022.
- The SOC and IOC testing returned satisfactory results.
- The air compressors at the plant are being replaced; this expense is in the budget. Both of these compressors are original to the start-up of the water treatment plant in 1991.

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

- The Chief Pipeline Operator reported that the pipeline is running smoothly.
- GIS mapping continues. The entire pipeline is located but as the internet has been slow lately, the Deaver-to-Frannie and Garland-to-Lovell data is not all uploaded yet.
- Vault maintenance is behind schedule because of the GIS project.
- Roy Harper is working on painting vent and blow off pipes.
- WARWS is visiting all towns/entities in the state to offer COVID testing and equipment for waste water testing, with an incentive of \$300 per test performed.

### **Manager's Report**

- WYO-STAR interest for July has not posted yet; WYO-STAR interest has been posting mid-month. June interest for WYO-STAR I was 0.7654% and for WYO-STAR II, it was 2.3653%.
- Water sales figures for July were up 9.5% over last year and up 7.7% for the fiscal year.
- The annual audit starts tomorrow and the on-site portion should be complete by Thursday.
- The Bureau of Reclamation water service agreements are complete and we have the final executed copies. The renewal process of all four service agreements will begin next summer.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

### **Adjourn**

At 10:30 a.m., Craig Sorenson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Second by J.R. Gonzales. AYE: Board Members: Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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