

Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board
Board Proceedings
Monday, September 14, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board was held at its Water Treatment Plant, September 14, 2020.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Rutherford/NRWD, Craig Barsness, 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 August 10, 2020 board meeting. Craig Sorenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Second by J.R. Gonzales. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Bills

Chairman Mentock asked for approval of the September 14, 2020 bills list totaling \$74,290.92. There was brief discussion regarding the bills.

Bryan Lee made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Second by Roy Holm. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, and Holm. NAY: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chairman Mentock asked for public comments.

Craig Sorenson mentioned that the wife of John Nickle, a former/original board member and past Chairman, had passed away recently.

Auditor's Report

- James Seckman presented the audit report for FY-2020.
- There was brief discussion regarding the report

(Tim Sapp arrived at 10:08 a.m.)

Bryan Lee made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Second by Craig Sorenson. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried.

(James Seckman left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.)

The Manager introduced Tim Sapp, new board representative from Powell.

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

- The Manager presented the loan agreement.
- There was discussion of the terms of the loan and principal forgiveness. Tracy Copenhaver has reviewed the loan paperwork and conditions and approved it.
- Authorization to sign the agreement was approved at the August board meeting.

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.

LGLP nominations

- The Manager reported there are two openings for LGLP: a county commission position and a special district position, both with three-year terms.
- There were no nominations from the board.

Chief Operator's Report

- The Manager presented the Chief Plant Operator's report as Dave is absent today.
- We have had a good, hot summer and treated a lot of water; the water has been easy to treat because of decent quality run-off.
- Chemical costs have decreased significantly because of better raw water quality.
- The operators have just changed from 12 to 10-hour shifts.

Chief Pipeline Operator's Report

- The Manager presented the Chief Pipeline Operator's report as Dexter is in a Zoom class today.
- The GIS data is all shot in/collected. Mike Reney is working on data entry now, and we are hoping to have this information loaded into the control room computer soon.

Manager's Report

- The Manager reported that WYO-STAR interest for August has not posted yet. July's interest for WYO-STAR I was 0.4175%; WYO-STAR II was 2.2970%.
- Water use figures for August were up 4.4% over last year. This was the best August we have ever had. For the fiscal year, we are up 6.5%.
- NRWD has requested an increase in the amount of water they are allowed to take at the Southfork connection, from 300 gallons per minute (gpm) to 600 gpm. As they are upgrading the Southfork service area, the Manager will obtain engineering calculations to determine long-term effects, though he expects them to be minimal, and will bring that information to the next board meeting.
- The Manager is considering doing a new master plan for our system. One has not been done since the mid-1980s. There is no money budgeted for this project this year, but the deadline for requesting funding from WWDC is March 1st.
- The Bureau of Reclamation is ready to begin renewing the four water service contracts and agreements (Cody, Powell, Byron, and Lovell), as well as our own. The Manager will inform the entities that this renewal process is starting soon and what will be required of them during it. Our contract, though it has 10 years left on it, is to be renewed at the same time for the same 40 years so that all will be on the same timeline. Tracy Copenhaver will be heavily involved in this process. There will be approximately a \$10,000 expense to Shoshone Municipal Pipeline from the Bureau of Reclamation for the renewal process.

Other Business

There was no other business to report.

Adjourn

At 11:11a.m., Craig Sorenson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Bryan Lee. AYE: Board Members: Lee, Sorenson, Richards, Mentock, Gonzales, Holm, and Sapp. NAY: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____

Secretary