

**CENTRAL WYOMING REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM  
JOINT POWERS BOARD**

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

February 26, 2003

A public meeting of the Regional Water System Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 5:30 PM, in the Joint Powers Board Conference Room, Regional Water Treatment Plant, 1500 SW Wyoming Boulevard, Casper, WY.

**Board Members Present** - Chairman Dobos, Vice-Chairman Bertoglio, Secretary Lamb, Treasurer Jones, Board Members Haigler, Padgett and Sjostrom. Board Member Peryam was absent.

**City of Casper** –Bertoglio, Lamb, Padgett, David Hill

**Natrona County** – Haigler

**Salt Creek Joint Powers Board** – Jones

**Wardwell Water & Sewer District** – Sjostrom

**Pioneer Water & Sewer District** – Dobos, Delane Baldwin

**Poison Spider Improvement & Service District** -

**Wyoming Water Development Office** – Floyd Field

**Sandy Lakes Estates** -

**Lakeview Improvement & Service District** -

**33 Mile Road Improvement & Service District** -

**Central Wyoming Regional Water System** - Steve Garner, Deena Hood, John Naquin, Janette Brown, Michael McDaniels, Brian Boettcher

**Central Wyoming Groundwater Guardian Team (CWGG)**- Floyd Field

**Others** – Janet Field, Brody Farquar-Casper Star-Tribune, Tom Brauer-Wyoming Children’s Water Festival & CEPI

The JPB meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

1. Chairman Dobos announced that the Exec Session was for legal issues, Vice-Chairman Bertoglio has Board Member Peryam’s proxy, Board Member Haigler is now representing the County and new Board Member Padgett is representing the City of Casper.

2. Chairman Dobos asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2002, JPB meeting. Motion made by Vice-Chairman Bertoglio and seconded by Board Member Jones to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2002 JPB meeting. Motion put and carried.
3. Chairman Dobos asked for a motion to reaffirm the approval of the January 2003 vouchers and to approve the voucher listing handed out to the Board on this date to include voucher numbers 5006 through 5121 in the amount of \$116,113.61. Motion made by Vice-Chairman Bertoglio and seconded by Board Member Haigler to approve the vouchers. Motion put and carried.
4. Mr. Garner asked the Board to reference pages 11-20 of the agenda. He stated that with the February vouchers, the budget is at 60%, which is on target. Mr. Garner stated that there will probably be budget transfers at the next meeting to cover the Accounting & Audit and Property & Liability Insurance overages.
5. Mr. Garner asked Mr. John Naquin to give the Operations Update. Mr. Naquin stated that the 2002 Annual Report was completed and reviewed it with the JPB. Mr. Naquin stated that the production average daily flow for February has been 5 to 6 mgd. Chairman Dobos asked for a copy of the 2002 Annual Report. Mr. Garner stated that the Annual Consumer Confidence Report has been finalized and will be available for the entities.
6. There was no public comment.
7. The Board elected not to take a 5-minute break. Board Member Sjoström suggested that the 5-minute break be moved on the agenda. Mr. Garner stated that it would be moved down between Old and New Business.
9. Old Business:
  - a) Mr. Garner asked Mr. Tom Brauer, President of the Water Festival Foundation, to give the Water Festival Foundation update. Mr. Brauer thanked the JPB for their support of the Water Festival. He stated that the documents for 501 c 3 status have been completed and will be applying for tax-exempt status with the state. Mr. Brauer stated that Aaker Sign developed logos for the Foundation and the Festival. Mr. Brauer stated that the Festival is going with a conservation theme and have asked presenters to use the theme in their presentations. Mr. Brauer stated that the Festival Committee has done a great job in getting the Festival moving along. There are 1,521 students registered. Mr. Brauer stated that fund raising letters will be going out in the next 2-3 weeks. The Foundation is working on getting insurance coverage for the Festival. Still looking for Presenters and Volunteers. The Foundation has decided not to do a dinner, but to have a VIP lunch room the day of the Festival for sponsors. The Festival will be held on May 22, 2003 at Casper College.
  - b) Mr. Garner stated that on February 10, 2003 a letter was received from the State Engineer's Office placing a 1923 water call. The next call to be expected will be a 1904 call in April. Mr. Garner stated that with the 1923

call, the RWS has approximately 13mgd, which includes three 1920 wells, Amoco and Texaco water rights.

- c) Mr. Garner stated that the South Garden Creek Study went to Level II, was approved by the WWDC and the Select Water Committee and is now pending in the House. Coates Road and Purcell Lands Level III construction. Coates Road is waiting for the Governor's signature and Purcell Lands does not have a district formed yet. The money will be available to Purcell Lands for a number of years.
- d) Mr. Garner stated that the EPA Study is ongoing. The test results are very good so far and are coming in under budget. The next meeting with EPA will be held in April. Chairman Dobos asked if there was any consideration for the drought. Mr. Garner stated that EPA gave a one-year extension due to the drought.
- e) In other Old Business, Mr. Garner stated that the Vulnerability Assessment is due at the end of this year. Board Member Sjoström asked if the letter mentioned in the December minutes in section 9g was completed. Mr. Garner stated that the letter is in draft form and he will furnish Board Member Sjoström a copy.

10. New Business:

- a) Mr. Garner stated that the Central Wyoming Groundwater Guardians have reformed and refocused and asked Mr. Field to give an update. Mr. Field stated that the CWGG is required to submit ROA's. Part of the things that they do is well testing. They are planning on sending two students to the Groundwater University this year and are helping with the Water Festival. Chairman Dobos asked what the status was for the Wellhead Protection Plan. Mr. Field stated that DEQ has not approved any plans that were submitted. Mr. Garner stated that CWGG is still waiting on the Source Water Assessment. Board Member Sjoström asked if the CWGG was still working with Star Lane students on the Garden Creek Study. Mr. Field stated that the CWGG is still working with the students.
- b) Mr. Garner recommended that the JPB start having work sessions to discuss rates. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked that the March JPB meeting be made more intense and tailored to rate issues. Chairman Dobos stated that the JPB will be meeting every month to discuss rates and budget.
- c) Mr. Garner stated that there were two drought information meetings held. The meeting for the policy makers went very well and cost approximately \$3,500. The meeting for the public did not have very good attendance, but can be rescheduled if needed.
- d) Mr. Garner stated that he received a contract from the Bureau of Reclamation to purchase 900 acre-feet of water in April. For every two acre-feet used, one must be purchased to release. The cost is \$75 plus \$1.90 endangered species charge per acre-foot. Mr. Garner stated that the contract is ready to be signed. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio made the motion to approve Mr. Garner signing the water purchase contract and purchase the water from the Bureau of Reclamation. Seconded by Treasurer Jones. Motion put and carried.
- e) Mr. Garner stated that IUG, rate consultants, will conduct a Rates Workshop on March 6, 2003 and discuss ways of developing rates for drought situations. There is an opportunity for the entities to meet with

IUG on an individual basis that afternoon.

- f) Mr. Garner stated that based on a tap that was made in Pioneer, it was brought to his attention that there might be a shortfall with the specs dealing with perma-strand pipe. Mr. Garner stated that information is being gathered and no conclusions have been made yet. After much discussion, Chairman Dobos asked Mr. Garner to get back with the JPB after he gathers all the information.
- g) There was no Other New Business.

11. There was no Chairman's Report.

The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Bertoglio and seconded by Board Member Sjostrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Motion put and carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 19, 2003 at 5:30 PM.

Secretary

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