

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

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

May 16, 2006

A public meeting of the Regional Water System Joint Powers Board (JPB) was held Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 11:30 AM, in the Joint Powers Board Conference Room, Regional Water Treatment Plant, 1500 SW Wyoming Boulevard, Casper, WY.

Board Members Present - Chairman Bertoglio, Vice-Chairman King, Secretary Padgett, Treasurer Bentley, Board Members Keffer, Killean, Peryam and Opella.

City of Casper - Bertoglio, Padgett, Opella, Peryam, Philip Stuckert, John Naquin, Janette Brown, Tim Rail

Natrona County – Killean

Salt Creek Joint Powers Board – King

Wardwell Water & Sewer District – Keffer

Pioneer Water & Sewer District – Bentley

Poison Spider Improvement & Service District -

Wyoming Water Development Office -

Sandy Lakes Estates -

Lakeview Improvement & Service District -

33 Mile Road Improvement & Service District –

Central Wyoming Regional Water System - Steve Garner

Central Wyoming Groundwater Guardian Team (CWGG) -

Others –

The JPB meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m.

1. There were no Announcements.
2. Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006 meeting. Motion made by Board Member Opella and seconded by Secretary Padgett to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006 meeting. Motion put and carried.

3. Mr. Stuckert asked the Board to reference the May 2006 voucher listing in their agendas to include vouchers 6446 through 6453 for a total amount of \$1,146,483.89. Motion made by Board Member Opella and seconded by Treasurer Bentley to approve the May 2006 vouchers in the amount of \$1,146,483.89. Motion put and carried.
4. Mr. Stuckert asked the Board to reference the Financial Statement that was handed out on this date. Mr. Stuckert stated that the Financials were in order and the figures are reflected in the draft rate model. A motion was made by Board Member Opella and seconded by Board Member Killean to accept the Financial Report. Motion put and carried.
5. In the Operations update, Mr. Stuckert turned the time over to Mr. Naquin for his update.

Mr. Naquin stated that the surface water was started a week early. He stated that production is 188 million gallons over last year and 13 million gallons over last May. Mr. Naquin stated that he has had a few calls on the Actiflo Pilot Plant. He also stated that there is ongoing Stage 2 interaction with EPA.

Mr. Stuckert turned the time over to Mr. Rail for the Distribution Report. Mr. Rail stated that the hydrants on the Salt Creek line are being serviced and they are working on a few air vacs. Chairman Bertoglio asked Mr. Rail if the pressure in Bar Nunn was 45psi at the hydrants. Mr. Rail stated that it averages 42-47psi at the hydrants, but is less at the homes. He stated that he thinks there is a problem with the backflow preventers. Board Member Killean asked what the remedy would be. Board Member Keffer asked if a pump could be put on the individual lines to the homes. Mr. Rail stated that could not happen with the current regulations. Chairman Bertoglio stated that the law enforcing contractors to put additional backflow preventers on homes was overturned and is waiting for the Governor's signature.

6. In the Project Update, Mr. Garner stated that the SCADA contract is ongoing and that he will go over the Rate Model later in the meeting.
7. There was no Public Comment.
8. Old Business:
 - a) Mr. Stuckert asked the Board to reference the letter in their packet from Jeff and Annie Clark. He stated that a single 3/4" tap is being requested. A motion was made by Board Member Opella and seconded by Board Member Killean to approve the expansion of 33 Mile Improvement and Service District to incorporate the land at Township 35 North, Range 81 West, 6th P.M., Section 27: W/2SE/4 belonging to Jeff and Annie Clark with one 3/4" tap for domestic use. Motion put and carried.
 - b) There was no Other Old Business.
10. New Business:

- a) Mr. Stuckert asked the Board to reference the Draft Operations Budget in their packet. He stated that this budget details the costs to operate the water treatment plant. Mr. Stuckert stated that the revenues are balanced with the expenses. He stated that Personnel is up due to the Gerczak study and merit increases. He stated that the Health Insurance cost went up 10% overall and 3.85% is reflected in the budget. Board Member Peryam asked why the Workers' Comp decreased. Mr. Stuckert stated that it is based on the plant safety record. Board Member Peryam stated that she would like to recognize the employees for saving money with the safety record. Mr. Stuckert stated that the total Personnel increased 4.71%. Board Member Peryam asked why there was a reduction in the Refuse and Sewer. Mr. Stuckert stated that the prices of the services are stabilized and there is a better guess at the total costs for the year. Mr. Stuckert stated that the Operational Supplies are up mainly due to Chemical cost increases. Mr. Naquin stated that the chemical prices are very volatile at this time. Board Member Opella asked if the chemicals can be purchased in bulk quantities. Mr. Naquin stated that the chemicals are purchased in bulk, but that the tanks hold only so much Ferric Chloride and Sodium Hypochlorite because they degrade over time. Mr. Stuckert stated that the Heat and Electricity prices are both up. Chairman Bertoglio stated that it appears the budget increased about \$110 thousand, mostly in supplies.

Mr. Stuckert asked the Board to reference the draft Agency Budget in their packets. He stated that the figures from the Operations Budget are included in the Agency Budget. Mr. Stuckert stated that the system investment charges are steadily increasing and the Total Revenue is expected to be \$5,051,636. Board Member Peryam asked what the Misc. Revenue was. Mr. Stuckert stated that it was \$100 thousand from the City of Casper for their portion of the SCADA contract. Mr. Stuckert stated that Personnel was funded for the entire year, but that Mr. Garner's contract ends the 1st of February. Mr. Stuckert stated that money is in the budget to purchase water from the Rock Creek Reservoir. Mr. Garner stated that the price of the Rock Creek water is \$75 per acre-foot delivered at the point of diversion. Chairman Bertoglio asked Mr. Stuckert if there will be a 5-10 year budget projection available before the FY07 budget is approved at the June meeting. Mr. Stuckert stated that he will have one for the Board.

- b) Mr. Stuckert turned the time over to Mr. Garner for the Wholesale Water Rate for FY 2007. Mr. Garner asked the Board to reference the Draft Rate Model that was handed out on this date. Mr. Garner stated that with the scenario he handed out it shows an 8 cent increase on the rate. The Board had Mr. Garner make some changes with the transfers and the rate decreased to a 2 cent increase. Mr. Garner suggested to the Board that they have a rate increase this year due to the volatility of prices for supplies. After much discussion, Chairman Bertoglio stated that he would have Mr. Hill and Mr. Garner do some clean up on the budget and rate and that the next meeting will be advertised as action being taken on the FY07

budget and rate.

11. In Other New Business, Board Member Peryam stated that she would like some kind of recognition for the employees at the water plant for having a good safety record and decreasing the cost of the Workers' Comp. Mr. Stuckert stated that he will mention this to the City of Casper Safety Committee.
12. In the Chairman's Report, Chairman Bertoglio stated that the next meeting will be held on June 20, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Board Member Opella and seconded by Treasurer Bentley to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m. Motion put and carried.

Chairman

Secretary
