

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

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

March 18, 2025

A public meeting of the Central Wyoming Regional Water System Joint Powers Board (Board) was held Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., in the Joint Powers Board Conference Room, Regional Water Treatment Plant, 1500 SW Wyoming Boulevard, Casper, WY.

Board Members Present - Chairman Bertoglio, Vice-Chairman North, Secretary Waters, Treasurer Sutherland and Board Members Larson, Pollock, Sabrosky and Sweeney.

City of Casper – Bertoglio, Larson, Pollock, Sweeney, Tom Brauer, Ethan Yonker, Logan Wood, Mark Anderson, Alisa Cochrane, and Cheryl Chavez.

Natrona County – North

Salt Creek Joint Powers Board – Sutherland

Town of Bar Nunn – Sabrosky

Pioneer Water & Sewer District – Waters

Poison Spider Improvement & Service District – Kossert

Wyoming Water Development Office -

Sandy Lakes Estates –

Lakeview Improvement & Service District -

33 Mile Road Improvement & Service District –

Mile-Hi Improvement and Service District –

Central Wyoming Groundwater Guardian Team (CWGG) –

Others — Jace Madsen - Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, P.C.

The Board meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

1. There were no Announcements.

2. Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025, Regular meeting. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman North and seconded by Board Member Pollock to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025, Regular meeting.

Motion put and carried.

3. Chairman Bertoglio asked Mr. Yonker to present the Bills & Claims listing.

Mr. Yonker reviewed the Bills and Claims as follows:

Advanced Pump & Equipment Inc, Major Rebuild Kit and Impeller for Ground Water in the amount of \$16,043.44.

City of Casper, Regional Water OPS Reimbursement in the amount of \$233,884.58.

Engineering Associates, FY22 Well Rehabilitation in the amount of \$158.00.

HDR Engineering, Inc. WTP Disinfection System Upgrade in the amount of \$18,107.43, \$11,612.50, \$27,685.00, \$20,361.83 with a grand total of \$77,766.76.

Williams, Porter, Day, & Neville, P.C., Legal Expenses in the amount of \$1,417.00, \$1,010.00 with a grand total of \$2,427.00.

Mr. Yonker stated that this brings the total for the Bills & Claims \$330,279.78.

A motion was made by Board Member Sweeney and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the March 2025 Bills and Claims in the amount of \$330,279.78. Motion put and carried.

4. Mr. Yonker presented the Production Report, using a graph system. Mr. Yonker presented the first graph with water production over 8 MG above the 5-year average in February. Mr. Yonker stated that the production year to date is 250 MG above the 5-year average. Mr. Yonker proceeded to present the average 30 year to date data to the Board Members.
5. Ms. Johnson presented the Financial Report. Ms. Johnson went over the Budget Comparison as of January. Ms. Johnson reviewed the total assets, total funds, and the year's total revenue as well.

Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the February 2025 Financial Report as presented. A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Vice-Chairman North to approve the February 2025 Financial Report as presented. Motion put and carried.

6. In the Operations Update:

Mr. Wood stated production is about 5 MGD, which is a normal average during the Winter Season. Mr. Wood stated the crew is keeping busy with seasonal maintenance. Mr. Wood stated the Relining of the Sodium Hypo tanks are currently being relined.

Chairman Bertoglio asked if there were any questions for Mr. Wood. No questions were asked.

Mr. Anderson addressed the Board with an update on what has been going on in the past month. Mr. Anderson stated that staff are busy with weekly security checks.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff are continuing the hydrant checks, which will continue throughout the winter.

Chairman Bertoglio asked if there were any questions for Mr. Anderson. No questions were asked.

7. There was no Public Comment.

8. In Old Business:

a. Mr. Yonker addressed the Board with the question of who will be on the Investment Advisory Committee. Chairman Bertoglio stated the Members are as follows:

Chairman Bertoglio
Secretary Waters
Treasurer Sutherland
Board Member Sabrosky

c. Mr. Yonker presented the Water Treatment Disinfection Project Update, in the slide show presentation the following topics were discussed: what is driving the proposed improvements, the current issues, the solution, proposed for ground water treatment process, and cost.

d. No Other Old Business

9. In New Business:

a. Mr. Yonker reviewed the Preliminary FY26 Capital Projects with the Board as follows:

- Raw Water Building - \$2,000,000 - Replacement for mechanical parts, traveling screens, vertical pumps and motors, sluice gates.
- FY26 Well Field Improvements - \$1,000,000 – Funding available to move forward with recommendations that are developed by the Ground Water Modeling Study.
- Morad Storage Shop - \$300,000 – New shop to store spare well pumps to keep them out of the elements and ensure they stay rust free and in good working condition.
- PLC SCADA Upgrade - \$250,000 – Update electrical equipment every five to six years, it is essential for to begin upgrade prior to failure.
- High Service MCC Panel - \$250,000 – Existing MCC electrical panel in the

high service pump room was installed in the 1970's and now is prone to failure and has become a safety concern due to high voltage in the panel.

- SWHS Pump Rebuild/Motor - \$100,000 – Surface water high service pumps supply the distribution system with treated surface water. These pumps were installed in 1998. The life expectancy for these pumps and motors is twenty years.
- Casper Field Pump Pipe Shed - \$100,000 – New three-sided shed to store pumps and motors out of the elements. Backup well pumps and motors on well site will make it easier for replacement when time comes.
- Forklift Replacement - \$80,000 – The current forklift at the Water Treatment Plant was purchased in 1998. It is important to get a forklift replacement before it gets to the point of failure to ensure not to cause an accident or interruption of the treatment plant workflow.
- Filter Particle Counters - \$75,000 – Six particle counters currently installed on the filters are outdated and are no longer functional. The particle counters are used to monitor filter performance and help ensure Regional Water stay in compliance with EPA drinking water standards. Filters are getting close to the end of a filter run time and tell the operators to take that filter offline and back wash. The system has been out for about 8 years.
- Sandy Lakes Pipe Recoating - \$65,000 – Sandy Lake Booster is a skid mounted assembly in a concrete vault. Over the years the paint has gotten bad and is peeling off. It is time to recoat the boosters' piping, pumps and skid.

Mr. Yonker presented a graph associated with the FY26 Capital Plan. Mr. Yonker stated the total FY26 Capital Budget is \$4,194,000. Chairman Bertoglio stated the Board will review the Budget when it gets closer to the time for approval.

- b. Mr. Yonker presented DWSRF Loan Amendments, with new interest rates, from 2.5 percent to 1.5 percent. The Loans consist of Amendment 3 to DWSRF #115, Amendment 2 to DWSRF #129, Amendment 2 to DWSRF #153 and Amendment 2 to DWSRF #213.

A motion was made by Board Member Pollock and seconded by Vice-Chairman North to approve the Loans consisting of Amendment 3 to DWSRF #115, Amendment 2 to DWSRF #129, Amendment 2 to DWSRF #153 and Amendment 2 to DWSRF #213 which lower the interest rate to 1.5 percent. Motion put and carried.

- c. Mr. Yonker stated Mr. Gassman will present the Board with a Positive Pay option for an enhanced security for the funds in the RWS bank accounts. Mr. Gassman stated this is a protection plan that will notify the Finance Team of possible fraud before the money leaves the account, allowing the Finance team to deny the fraud transaction. Mr. Gassman stated Hilltop National Bank has a monthly fee of ten dollars a month, with a yearly total of \$120.00.

A motion was made by Board Member Pollock and seconded by Secretary Waters

to approve Positive Pay with Hilltop Bank. Motion put and carried.

- d. Mr. Yonker presented graphics of the percentage of the Median snowpacks. Mr. Yonker stated he believes that is what Hydrologist use to anticipate the Spring runoff. Mr. Yonker stated it looks like we are a little light in the Northeast side of the State, which may have some impact for the runoff forecasting for this year. Mr. Yonker has received information from the Bureau of Reclamation based on the current reservoir levels and the anticipation for the runoff forecasting, in the beginning of March they are not expecting an allocation year for water. Mr. Yonker stated there will be an update in the first week of April. Mr. Yonker concluded with there is no indication of a call to be placed on the North Platte at this time.
 - e. There was no Other New Business.
11. In the Chairman's Report, Chairman Bertoglio stated that the next Regular Meeting will be held on April 15, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman North and seconded by Secretary Waters to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 p.m. Motion put and carried.

Chairman

Secretary