

## **Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

*September 29, 2016*

*Present:* Peter Clark, Eric Lofgren, Joey Sheeley, Randy Sundquist, Karen Walters, Hollis Hackman, Norm Anderson, Gene Leath (WWC), Bo Biteman, Kristin Magnusson (Sheridan Press), Katie Taylor, Bob Wood, Clifford Reed, Whitney Johnson

*Next meeting:* October 27, 2016

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#### **I. Announcements**

#### **II. Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2016 Meeting**

#### **III. Approval of Agenda**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

#### **IV. Discussion**

Old business: None.

New business:

- a) *Financial report:* Approved payment of \$1089.00 to WWC, \$10.55 for postage, and \$208.34.
- b) *Feasibility study update (WWC).* Nothing new yet. The applications have been submitted. SLIB will publish recommendations near the end of December or beginning of January.
- c) *Memorandum of Agreement:* The entities that make up the JPB have agreed, since the beginning, that they would anchor the project by converting all municipal and school buildings to natural gas when the project is approved. This would account for roughly 20% of the volume necessary to make the project viable. The JPB has been asked to put this in writing, either as a letter from each of the JPB member entities or as a Memorandum of Agreement.

Peter would prefer to send a single letter, signed by the representatives on the JPB. That option was approved by the board.

#### **V. Public Communique**

Cliff Reed asked if there is a case file number assigned to the applications. There isn't, but anyone should be able to see the recommendations when they are posted to the SLIB website. Cliff also asked what % is loan vs grant (25/75). Cliff then asked what the survey (part of the feasibility study) revealed re: support for the project. Peter said that the results were largely the same as the first survey (good support), although the numbers were slightly lower this round because propane is much less expensive than it was during the first survey. Cliff asked what was to prevent anyone from waiting 20-30 years to convert; the loan would be paid off by then. Peter advised that the board will not require anyone to convert, but that there will always have to be some sort of surcharge associated with the gas line to cover operating and maintenance of the line.

The next meeting was set for October 27, 2016

The meeting was adjourned.