

Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2014

Present:

Peter Clark, Norm Anderson, Randy Sundquist, Joey Sheeley, Bob Wood, Jack Fritz, Randy Bomar, Jeff Barron, Weegie Sheeley, Marshall Hood, Hannah Sheely, Dennis Wagner

Next meeting:

July 22, 2014

I. Announcements

None.

II. Approval of Agenda

Additions: Approve bills to be paid

Deletions: None

III. Discussion

Old business:

- Minutes from June 4 meeting reviewed and approved.
- SLIB meeting report: Although we were recommended for the loan and not the grant, we'll need to reapply for both to get them. October is the next award meeting.
- Contract with Steve Shute: need to remove the errors/omissions clause. Ok'd by our lawyer.

New business:

- Budget hearing: Karen working on the final. Must have it approved on/before July 22 per the rules.
- After the July 22 meeting, we will continue to meet the 4th Wednesday of every month.
- Peter reported to the county commissioners regarding the \$4K match; we more than exceeded it (\$6700). A letter was sent, with a list of the contributors, to the county commissioners requesting the release of the funds.
- Joey will prepare a thank-you letter to the contributors.
- Next steps for the pipeline project:
 - An initial RFP (prepared by Steve?). This RFP won't have a defined scope (timeline of design or construction, bidding for construction) but will allow us to start the easement/ROW process and define a likely route. Per Randy Bomar, this RFP should consider professional qualifications vs. dollar amount.
 - JPB will look seriously at other funding opportunities (WPA, USDA) as we work on the new grant/loan apps.

IV. Public Communique

Dennis Wagner asked for clarification on the SLIB award. Confirmed that we could not get the loan without the grant since we did not request that they be considered separately (new information). We can't roll the apps over; we'll have to reapply. However, this is a good time to consider other sources such as the USDA loan and/or the WPA revenue bond process (Peter).

Dennis mentioned that there was another possible source: the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority. He provided brochures and other information the Board. Randy Bomar is familiar with the WIA. They have about \$1 billion in bonding authority for energy use projects. Mostly for coal and oil at the moment. Lloyd Drain is the executive director.

Peter will work on setting up a new meeting with the USDA and WPA. Will also try to contact the WIA.

Peter asked if other board members would be interested in sitting in on a call to the SLIB before we resubmit (SLIB request) to make sure we have all of the pieces in order.

The meeting was adjourned.