

Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board
Meeting with the Wyoming Pipeline Authority
Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2014

Present: Peter Clark, Joey Sheeley, Norm Anderson, Randy Sundquist, Bob Wood, Linda Lofgren, Mike Nickel, Rosie Berger, Bruce Burns

Peter gave a history of the project to date, including a review of MDU's options, funding options the board has looked at. He emphasized that this should be looked at as a long-term investment for the whole state; there are many communities in Wyoming that don't have access to natural gas that is produced in this state.

Linda asked if the WPA could be tasked to assess the state needs. Bruce thought the agency could be "repurposed" to include that task.

Rosie reviewed the revolving fund idea she has proposed. She also suggested that, using the "if you build it, they will come" analogy, Dayton and Ranchoester would be able to provide more affordable housing for future development. Both Peter and Rosie discussed the fact that the TRV project IS the pilot project for the state and is being watched closely.

Peter updated Rosie and Bruce on the upcoming meeting with Governor Mead. Both will be in Cheyenne and will attend with the rest of the group.

Rosie offered some suggestions in preparation for the meeting: put together a summary of the project so far and send it to her and Bruce. Rosie will make sure it gets to the right people in the governor's office as he doesn't like to go into meetings uninformed.