

Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2015

Present: Peter Clark, Norm Anderson, Randy Sundquist, Joey Sheeley, Karen Walters, Bob Wood, Jeff Barron, Chad Reed, Jack Fritz, Travis Pearson

Next meeting: TBD

I. Announcements

None.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2015 Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda

Additions:

Deletions: None

IV. Discussion

Old business:

- Advertisement for RFP has been published in the Casper Star Tribune with a closing date of June 24, 2015.
- Peter sent a request for funds to all JPB members (\$5K). Bob Wood asked why SD1 is not giving equal amounts as the JPB is supposed to be an equal partnership. Peter agreed and said he would check into it; the SD initiated the process and should have equal input.

New business:

- Approved payment of the following bills: \$819.00 to WWC, \$60.00 to Wendtland and Wendtland, 308.40 to Casper Star Trib for ad.
- Budget review: Peter increase the advertising amount for this year, left engineering the same, and added the grant amount. Budget is currently at \$150,706.97. Expenses have been estimated at \$126,400 for the year. The rest (approx.. \$34K) is what is currently in the checking account - not part of the grant award. We will have our budget hearing at the June 24 meeting; Peter will make sure it's advertised by the 17th. Peter asked Karen to make the adjustments (current bills to be paid) before that meeting.
- Next meeting tentatively set for June 24.

V. Public Communique

- Bob Wood asked for a report from WWC. Chad Reed advised that the advertisement, as mentioned earlier, is out. They have developed a proposed plan for choosing a Wyoming design firm and are using a WYDOT template in the selection packet. The information packet is available on the website.
- Bob then asked that SD1 be required to catch up and continue to contribute to the JPB. Karen Walters advised that the school board went into this agreement believing the school district would only have to contribute for the first year or two and that the JPB would be self-sufficient after that. Peter said that the JPB needs to educate the school

board on the need to continue as JPBs are not generally self-sufficient and definitely not possible for the TRV JPB before the gas line is constructed. Karen acknowledged that the school board discussed the need to contribute, but that the budget was not firm beyond next year. Peter suggested that the TRV JPB might want to explore reworking the agreement, remove the school board and add the county commission. Joey advised a call to the lawyer to make sure that's allowed. Peter will check into it, but thinks it might help to have the county on board, especially considering the need to hook up customers outside the municipality limits.

- Bob added that propane costs are low now, but it will be hard to convince the towns to keep contributing if SD1 doesn't.

The meeting was adjourned.