

Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2016

Present: Peter Clark, Eric Lofgren, Joey Sheeley, Randy Sundquist, Karen Walters, Chad Reed (WWC), Norm Anderson

Next meeting: May 19, 2016

I. Announcements

II. Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2016 Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda

Additions: Public meeting dates

Deletions: None

IV. Discussion

Old business: None

New business:

- *Financial report:* Approved payment of \$10,406 to WWC.
- *Feasibility study update (WWC).*
 - The online survey will be available for the next 1-2 weeks and then the physical survey will be sent to those who have not yet responded. In approximately 3 weeks, all survey results should be in. Note: the JPB received a letter from one respondent asking to be removed from any further mailings.
 - Financial analysis: this is the last section in the report that needs to be completed. Survey results will be added and the final report should be ready 4-5 weeks after survey results and modeling are completed.
- Budget discussions: The board reviewed the rough draft provided by Peter. The first reading will be at the next meeting. Prelim budget was approved by the board.

V. Public Communique

Peter, Steve, and WWC had a very productive follow-up meeting with MDU. Peter also met with Gas Transport, LLC. Representatives proposed to use our project to try their "virtual pipeline" concept. At this time, the board agreed that the gas line itself was new enough that we would go with traditional methods.

Peter said that the Wyoming Business Council was interested in helping. He will explore that more with them.

Chad advised that the board or WWC should get letters of support and commitments to use existing easements from the county commissioners (promise of use or a resolution).

Karen advised that some people she had talked to were still confused about the actual cost of getting the gas line to individual homes. Peter said that, although it could run \$500-1500 (approximately), MDU offers a credit of up to \$1200 to be applied to the cost of the line. Will have more information at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.