

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

*August 25, 2016*

*Present:* Peter Clark, Eric Lofgren, Joey Sheeley, Randy Sundquist, Kren Walters, Craig Reichert, Norm Anderson, Chad Reed (WWC), Linda Lofgren, , Kristin Magnusson (Sheridan Press), Dennis Wagner

*Next meeting:* July 21, 2016

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#### **I. Announcements**

#### **II. Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2016 Meeting**

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

Additions: Discuss resolutions needed for SLIB application

Deletions: None

#### **IV. Discussion**

Old business: None.

New business:

- a) *Financial report:* Approved payment of \$300 to Tony Wendtland. Current account balance is \$28,729.45.
- b) *Feasibility study update (WWC).*
  - o WWC is incorporating the last of the comments from Steve Shute into the document. Peter will get the budget and balance sheet to Chad.
  - o WWC is also working on the grant application and will have both ready by the end of next week.
  - o Randy expressed concern about asking for a 75/25 vs 50/50 grant/loan amount. If SLIB is unwilling to do that, could they suggest 50/50? Chad said that they would have to go with the original ask, but that SLIB takes into account the median household income in the area and TR is in the bracket that would indicate 75/25 is the proper route to take. Linda Lofgren said that, in her experience, each time an application is denied/set aside, it tends to start "rising to the top." Peter said that the project now has a cheaper alternative this round; a whole different approach to the problem, which should help our cause. He has also heard that the business council may have some offering for the JPB, if the SLIB process doesn't go the way we hope.
- c) *Resolutions:* Motions were made and approved to accept Resolution #5 (Federal Mineral Royalty Grant for Capital Construction) and Resolution #6 (State Joint Powers Act).

#### **V. Public Communiqué**

Dennis Wagner asked if the preferred route is still 5<sup>th</sup> Street and if so, would future plan for that area create a problem with capacity. Chad informed Dennis that the capacity is more than enough for any growth for 20+ years, at a minimum. Linda asked how the loan would be paid back. Peter informed her that revenues from a small surcharge would be used. Chad also let

everybody know that the first payment would not be due for a year from completion, giving the JPB time to build funds. Linda asked if the towns would be responsible if payments couldn't be made. No, that would be the responsibility of the JPB, not the individual entities.

The next meeting was set for September 29, 2016

The meeting was adjourned.