

Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2014

Present: Peter Clark, Norm Anderson, Randy Sundquist, Joey Sheeley, Karen Walters, Tom Crump, Jeff Barron, Dennis Wagner

Next meeting: August 27, 2014

I. Announcements

None.

II. Budget Hearing and Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2014 Meeting

Reviewed the public notice re: budget hearing. No additional comments. Budget showing \$39,000 in the budget and expenditures totaling \$25,300. Some carry-over from last fiscal year. Hearing closed; motion to approve and seconded. Approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

IV. Discussion

Old business:

- RFP, stage 1: WWC built a template; Peter shared it with Vista West.
- Thank you letters to the contributors for the fund match have been sent. Peter suggested we put an ad in the Sheridan Press, again thanking the contributors. Joey will draft it.

New business:

- Peter talked with Jeremy Smith to get up to speed on revenue bonding before the meeting with the WPA in Casper on August 1. Bob Wood mentioned that he'd talked with their bonding agent and we should be cognizant of the fact that a WPA revenue bond option would mean a higher interest rate than SLIB.
- Peter announced that there will be a conference call with the Source Gas folks on August 6 at 1 pm, if anybody was interested in being part of it. He let the board know that the conversations he's had with them so far are in the JPB e-mail account.
- Peter has reviewed all of the USDA forms so we can start preparing those documents. We can apply for a 40-year loan; the process is tedious and includes a pre-application process before actually submitting the formal application. Because these are funded with federal money, the requirements are more involved. We will have to do a feasibility study, perform an environmental study (like an environmental assessment), and prove that we have a debt reserve.
- On July 28 (moved to August 4 since this meeting), we will have a conference call with the SLIB office to address deficiencies in our original application, in preparation for resubmittal for the October award.
- Karen advised that all meetings must include a list of bills to be paid, and approval to pay them. Bills approved for payment at this meeting: Town of Dayton, reimbursement for

hotel stay (\$166); Labels to replace those borrowed from the Corner Grocery (\$30.34), USPS postage and returned letters (\$48.02), Sheridan Press (\$89), and Wendtland and Wendtland (\$200).

V. Public Communique

Bob Wood was contacted by Dave Engels at Entech. He had talked to Rosie Berger about starting a fund for utilities construction for communities in the state and would we wait for that to be formed? No, the board will move forward.

The meeting was adjourned.