

Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Workshop

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2013

Present: Peter Clark, Norm Anderson, Karen Walters, Randy Sundquist, Joey Sheeley, Linda Lofgren, Jeremy Smith, Allan Moore, Bob Wood, Dennis Wagner, Marshall Hood, Doug Lofgren, Bill White

Next meeting: 7 p.m., November 27, 2013. Lucille Alley Room, Dayton Town Hall

I. Announcements

None.

II. Discussion

Until the Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board (JPB) agreement is approved by the Attorney General's office, we can't hold regular meetings; they will be workshops for now. The purpose of this workshop was organizational.

JPB members and size: After discussing the lawyers' suggestion that we add more members to avoid having a single member from one of the entities (School District 1), the proposed members of the JPB decided to stay with the minimum requirement of 5. Proposed members include: Peter Clark, Norm Anderson, Karen Walters, Randy Sundquist, and Joey Sheeley.

Agreement wording: the lawyers who put the agreement together also suggested retaining the italicized wording (III. Organization (6)), "A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. All actions of the Board shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed *members and at least one affirmative vote from one of the members appointed by each Participating Agency.*" The proposed members decided to strike the italicized wording for these reasons: 1) it would require the board to have more members to accommodate the requirement, 2) per Jeremy Smith, the school district (SD) will be the biggest consumer of natural gas and therefore shouldn't have the ability to vote down rate increases if/when they become necessary, and 3) the appointed members from Dayton and Ranchester (2 of the 3 entities on the board) are elected to serve their respective communities; the SD board is elected for purposes of education.

Suggested officers and terms of service by proposed members of the JPB: Peter Clark (Chairman, 1-year term), Norm Anderson (Vice-Chairman, 2-year term), Joey Sheeley (Secretary, 3-year term), Karen Walters (Treasurer, 2-year term), Randy Sundquist (3-year term).

Joey Sheeley and Jeremy Smith provided a brief overview of discussions with Steve Shute (Kentucky Frontier Gas) up to this point (see attachment).

Preliminary budget discussion: Liability insurance would be prorated; assuming approximately \$300 to cover the rest of this fiscal year. \$200 bond insurance. Will need a laptop for documentation (SD may have one that could be used). JPB will need to hire its own attorney; there was discussion about who that could be and all agreed he/she should have oil & gas experience. No final discussion on budget needs. Will cover that at the next workshop.

Meeting schedule: it was suggested by Norm Anderson that we meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month, allowing all members to attend monthly board and council meetings and bring topics to JPB meetings.

There was some general discussion about what exactly needed to be sent to the Atty General's office (resolutions and agreement?). Agreement was signed by authorized representatives of the 3 entities who were present.

General discussion: Bill White (local rancher) spoke in support of the pipeline, adding that he and other area ranch operations would use natural gas largely during the summer months (irrigation).

Area politicians including Rosie Berger (R – State Rep), Bruce Burns (R – State Senator), and John Patton (R – State Rep) have all expressed an interest in helping the JPB with this project. It was decided that we should, in the next few weeks, have an informal meeting with all three and Steve Shute to discuss this further. Jeremy Smith, Peter Clark, and Joey Sheeley will contact all four to set it up.

III. Roundtable

N/A