

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

## **Meeting Minutes**

*January 21, 2016*

*Present:* Peter Clark, Eric Lofgren, Joey Sheeley, Randy Sundquist, Karen Walters, Jack Fritz (WWC), Craig Reichert, Norm Anderson

*Next meeting:* February 23, 2016

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### **I. Announcements**

### **II. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2015 Meeting**

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

Additions: Approve JPB officers for 2016

Deletions: None

### **IV. Discussion**

Old business: None

New business:

- JPB officers approved as follows: Peter (chairman), Eric (vice-chairman), Karen (treasurer), Joey (secretary)
- *Financial report:* Approved payment of \$10,740.93 to WWC.
- *Feasibility study update (WWC).* Please see attached summary. Additions to that are added below.
  - Alignment Options: No additions to the notes WWC provided.
  - Easements: No additions to the notes WWC provided.
  - Connection costs: PB Communications is working on a conversion calculator to add to the website.
  - Financial analysis: No additions to the notes WWC provided.
  - Operations and Maintenance: No additions to the notes WWC provided.
  - Public Relations: Melissa was unable to make the meeting. She will provide an update of her outlined tasks at the next meeting. The next public meeting will focus on project completion, rather than general scoping. The legislative forum is next week; Peter asked if WWC would be willing to co-present with him 1) the need for the gas pipeline; 2) potential funding sources, including the WPA and the business council; 3) regulatory issues and obstacles, including the PSC's concern about serving customers outside the municipal boundaries, the MDU uninterruptible tariff, and the fact that this is where the legislative body could make serious changes; 4) examples of natural gas expansion projects in other states; and 5) a project status update, including the study for SLIB, meetings with MDU, and a general schedule for study and application submission. WWC will be there.

### **V. Public Communique**

None

The meeting was adjourned.