

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

*December 18, 2014*

*Present:* Peter Clark, Norm Anderson, Joey Sheeley, Karen Walters, Jack Fritz,  
Bob Wood, Dennis Wagner

*Next meeting:* TBD

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#### **I. Announcements**

None.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2014 Meeting**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

#### **IV. Discussion**

Old business:

- SLIB application update (Peter): Discussed who would be going to the SLIB award in January. Peter, Norm, and Bob Wood at this time.
- Discussed possibility that PSC would regulate if the JPB connects those outside the town boundaries to the gas line. Do we wait to hook up those folks? Can Rantec and the school district bus barn be included even though they're technically outside the Ranchester town boundary? More discussion needed. Jack Fritz suggested getting clarification on the PSC comments and legal opinion on statutes.

New business:

- Approved payment of the following bills: \$34 for USPS box, 3 bonds at \$100 each, reimburse Town of Dayton for trip to Cheyenne at \$806.
- Discussed a possible alternative hook-up discovered by Steve. This line is located at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Sheridan. Is poly, but would be large enough to connect and serve the TRV until such time as we can build a steel transmission line to the original point.
- Peter updated the JPB and audience about the meeting with Governor Mead. All felt was largely positive. All felt that the possible new bill, creating a separate revolving fund would be important for future projects. Governor Mead had mentioned the possible need for a growth analysis, but all are unsure how that could be done for this pilot project. Peter suggested that this would have to be a spec project. Analysis would then be available for future projects.
- There was discussion, if the SLIB awards the JPB the grant and loan, whether we would be able to use the grant funds before the loan. Bob Wood mentioned that Dayton was able to use the grant first for the raw water system. If possible, with Steve's new route, we would be able to do much of the work with the grant money and return some of the loan. Would go a long way towards paying back the loan funds. Steve estimated we'd need 2 years of capital build-up before we could start to pay it back. Peter will send this information to Governor Mead/SLIB with the hope that this will cover the governor's

questions about a growth analysis, with the caveat that this will be the first municipal gas company in the state and there is just no way to project growth at this time.

**V. Public Communique**

Covered during the new business discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.