

Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2016

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

Next meeting: July 21, 2016

I. Announcements

II. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2016 Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda

Additions: Proposed changes to Title 37, Gas Transport, LLC

Deletions: None

IV. Discussion

Old business: None

New business:

- a) *Financial report.* Approved payment of \$4,963.11 to WWC. SLIB grant drawdown has been submitted. Approved payment of \$191.35 to the Sheridan Press. Available grant balance is currently \$20,507.21. SLIB grant reimbursements in the amounts of \$10,406 and \$6,451 have been received. Current account balance is \$36,165.04.
- b) *Feasibility study update (WWC).*
 - o Draft report is in clerical/formatting. Should be ready next week.
 - o Survey analysis (attached) is generally favorable.
 - o Peter: MDU announced a 13% electric rate hike. Can be added to the report?
Chad: yes
- c) *Title 37*
 - o Proposed changes would clearly identify a JPB as a “municipality” by the current definition, allowing us to, possibly, connect outside the two town borders without being regulated by the PSC. Steve’s concerns are that 1) the JPB exemption in the current wording does not apply outside municipal borders and 2) there may be some pushback from the gas companies. Peter asked WWC for feedback on that during the next meeting.
 - o Rosie Berger believes we’re on the right track with the wording. Will request something from the legislature next month, if we get a final draft to her. Peter will check with the lawyer.
- d) *Gas Transport, LLC:* They told Peter that the business plan is in development and patents are in place. They want a meeting on July 6. Peter has told their rep that we cannot be a demonstration project for them unless they build the infrastructure. Will know more after the meeting.

V. Public Communique

The meeting was adjourned.