

## Tongue River Valley Joint Powers Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

*February 23, 2017*

*Present:* Peter Clark, Karen Walters, Eric Lofgren, Samantha Nixon, Craig Reichert, Jack Fritz (WWC), Norm Anderson, Kristin Magnusson (Sheridan Press), Dennis Wagner, Cliff Reed, Laurie Walters Clark, Tom McElhinny,  
*Next meeting:* February 23, 2017

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I. Call to Order at 7:00 pm

II. Approved minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Eric motioned, Karen second.

III. Approved agenda, Samantha motioned, Eric second.

a) No additions or deletions.

IV. No old business.

V. New business

a) USDA loan, public meeting called to order @ 7:01 pm by Peter Clark

Cliff Reed was concerned about going into debt by getting a loan and not using the Cap tax instead. Peter explained to the group that all avenues have been tried that apply to this type of work to be done and after 3 and a half years of working on this, this is our best avenue to take at this time. Tom McElhinny and Laurie Clark voiced their opinion that they are in favor of this loan for NG. Dennis Wagner asked about the individual costs to the consumers and the percentage of cost, Peter explained that it is based on the amount of gas used by the consumer.

Eric Lofgren asked if Dayton defaulted on the loan, who would be responsible, Peter commented that USDA would back this.

Jack Fritz noted that there will be a meeting next Thursday with MDU.

\$75,000.00 will be needed for a reserve account, required by USDA, to cover the possibility of low gas usage, and loan costs cannot be reached through monthly consumer fees. \$25,000.00 from each entity will be required, (Dayton, Ranchester and School Dist. #1). USDA will be viewing the proposed site of the gas line on 27<sup>th</sup> of this month @ 10:30 am.

Public meeting was adjourned @ 7:23 pm.

b) Samantha motioned to pay bills of \$44.50 to Sheridan Press and Eric second.

c) Samantha motioned to pay \$2265.00 for additional costs of processing paper work required by USDA, and Karen second.

d) The proposed estimated rate schedule was approved with Eric motioning and Samantha seconding.

e) A motion was made by Samantha to apply for the USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan Program for the total amount of \$4,085,000.00 and second by Eric. All were in favor on the board. Motion by Samantha to have Peter Clark be the signature member for the loan and second by Eric. Motion carried..

Next meeting to be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Adjourned meeting @ 7:47 pm.

