

**CENTRAL WYOMING REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM
JOINT POWERS BOARD**

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

January 21, 2025

A public meeting of the Central Wyoming Regional Water System Joint Powers Board (Board) was held Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., in the Joint Powers Board Conference Room, Regional Water Treatment Plant, 1500 SW Wyoming Boulevard, Casper, WY.

Board Members Present - Chairman Bertoglio, Vice-Chairman North, Secretary Waters, Treasurer Sutherland, and Board Members Larson, Sabrosky and Sweeney. Board Member Pollock was absent.

City of Casper – Bertoglio, Larson, Sweeney, Tom Brauer, Ethan Yonker, Kris Sexson, Mark Anderson, Alisa Cochrane, and Cheryl Chavez.

Natrona County – North

Salt Creek Joint Powers Board – Sutherland

Town of Bar Nunn – Sabrosky

Pioneer Water & Sewer District – Waters

Poison Spider Improvement & Service District –

Wyoming Water Development Office -

Sandy Lakes Estates –

Lakeview Improvement & Service District -

33 Mile Road Improvement & Service District –

Mile-Hi Improvement and Service District –

Central Wyoming Groundwater Guardian Team (CWGG) –

Others — Matt Sato - Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, P.C.; John Wetstein, Dave Engles and Joe Johnston – Engineering Associates - Laramie; George Moser - Wyoming Water Development, Mr. Ollison – HDR, attended virtually

The Board meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

1. There were no Announcements.

2. Mr. Yonker stated it is that time of year when the Board elect officers and turned the time over to the Board.

Mr. Sato stated that the Board could make a motion to retain the current Board Officers.

A motion was made by Board Member Sabrosky and seconded by Vice-Chairman North to retain the current Board Officers as follows:

Paul C. Bertoglio – Chairman
Dave North– Vice-Chairman
Kenneth L. Waters – Secretary

Motion put and carried.

A motion was made by Board Member Sabrosky and seconded by Vice-Chairman North to appoint Tracy Sutherland as Treasurer.

Motion put and carried.

3. Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024, Regular meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Larson and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024, Regular meeting. Motion put and carried.

4. Chairman Bertoglio asked Mr. Yonker to present the Bills & Claims listing.

Mr. Yonker reviewed the Bills and Claims as follows:

City of Casper, Regional Water OPS Reimbursement in the amount of \$237,306.59.

Crown Construction LLC, Contract Withholding in the amount of \$8,325.00.

Hach Co., Corp, TU5300sc Low Range Laser Turbidimeters in the amount of \$37,408.14.

Ketel Thorstenson, LLP, FY2023 RWS Audit Services, in the amount of \$10,000.00 and \$2,225.00.

Layne Christensen Company, FY23 Well Rehabilitation in the amount of \$16,625.00, Contract (92400054) Retainage Release in the amount of \$66,958.20.

State of Wyoming-Office of State Lands & Investment, Loan #DW213 in the amount of \$68,645.27, along with Loan #DW115 in the amount of \$152,525.05.

Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, P.C. Legal Expense in the amount of \$262.50.

Wyoming Water Development Commission, Readiness-To-Serve Water in the amount of \$750.00.

Chairman Bertoglio stated that this brings the total for the Bills & Claims \$601,030.75.

A motion was made by Treasurer Sutherland and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the December 2024 Bills and Claims in the amount of \$601,030.75. Motion put and carried.

5. Mr. Yonker presented the Production Report, using a graph system. Mr. Yonker presented the first graph with water production over 11 MG above the 5-year average in December. Mr. Yonker stated that the production year to date is 261 MG above the 5-year average. Mr. Yonker proceeded to present the average 30 year to date data to the Board Members.
6. Ms. Johnson was not present to give the Financial Report at this time Mr. Yonker presented in her absence. Mr. Yonker read off the dollar amounts of water billing to each entity. Mr. Yonker stated the total assets, total funds, and the year's total revenue as well.

Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the December 2024 Financial Report as presented. A motion was made by Board Member Sabrosky and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the November 2024 Financial Report as presented. Motion put and carried.

7. In the Operations Update:

Mr. Sexson, who is in for Mr. Wood, who is absent, stated production is about 5 MGD, which is a normal average during the Winter Season. Mr. Sexson pointed out that there are three main Ozone Generators working now. Energy Management came out along with our Instrumentation & Controls Tech Mr. Nicholson, which is great news to have three running verses the one running for so long taking on the load. Project coming up with relining the two Hypo tanks in March.

Chairman Bertoglio asked if there were any questions for Mr. Sexson. No questions were asked.

Mr. Anderson addressed the Board with an update on what has been going on in the past month. Mr. Anderson stated that staff are busy with weekly security checks.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff finished the first round of the hydrant checks, which will continue throughout the winter.

Chairman Bertoglio asked if there were any questions for Mr. Anderson. No questions were asked.

8. There was no Public Comment.

9. In Old Business:

- a. Mr. Yonker turned the floor over to Mr. Moser with Wyoming Water Well Development Office, mentioning that the CWRWS Board had approached the WWDC a couple of years ago, for help in understanding the mechanics and the operations in the well field, with concerns in declining in performance or try to find

ways in finding additional water in the well field. The component that will be discussed will be a computer model of the ground water wells to display the mechanics of the well field. With this program you will be able to input scenarios for problem solving. In doing so, things to consider will include improvement costs.

Mr. Moser handed the presentation over to Mr. Engle, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Wetstein with EA-Engineering Association, and virtual attendance by Mr. Ollison with HDR presented a slide show simulating conditions in the well field current day flow.

Mr. Ollison, the Groundwater Modeler, made the slide presentation for the Groundwater Model of the North Platte River Alluvial Aquifer in Casper, Wyoming. Mr. Ollison reviewed model construction and calibration, data from Infiltration Gallery field test, discussed simulation results and implications for increasing wellfield yield, and lastly, they discussed potential practices for increasing infiltration from recharge basins.

Mr. Wetstein stated that in February or March, HDR will present the Board with their computer modeling results for recommendations for drilling new vertical wells.

Chairman Bertoglio asked if adding new wells will cannibalize any of the production from existing wells or is that just new production. Mr. Ollison stated he believes it is relatively new production. There were no further questions.

- b. Mr. Yonker Presented a letter to the Board from Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, P.C., regarding a fee increase for services. A motion was made by Board Member Sweeney and seconded by Vice-Chairman North to approve Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, P.C., fee increase for services as presented. Motion put and carried.
- c. In Other Old Business, Mr. Yonker informed the Board there will be changes to the Investment Policy, a final draft will be presented in February's RWS Meeting.

10. In New Business:

- a. Chairman Bertoglio turned the time over to Mr. Yonker for the Disinfection System Upgrade Project update. Mr. Yonker referenced Mr. Sexson's presentation earlier that the three main Ozone Generators are working now. Energy Management came out along with our Instrumentation & Controls Tech, Mr. Nicholson, which is great news to have three generators running verses the one running for so long and taking on the load. Mr. Yonker stated having three generators up and running has taken a load off for the upcoming Disinfection Upgrade Project.
- b. Mr. Yonker stated that the ARPA Grant Amendment is for the Caisson Well Project, which is complete. Funds budgeted for the project was \$1.5 Million. The ending cost for the project was \$1,443,426.00. This Amendment is to close out that grant agreement and to release the remaining amount of \$56,574.00 back to the State of Wyoming.

A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Vice-Chairman North to approve the ARPA Grant Amendment Agreement WS1203. Motion put and carried.

- c. Chairman Bertoglio notified the Board that the next item is Budget Reallocation No. 2025-01 in the amount of \$225,000 for the Water Resource Master Plan. Mr. Yonker explained the details. Mr. Yonker stated this project is from 2024, and originally did not have a budget put in place.

Mr. Brauer explained what a Water Right definition is and with who all is included in the water rights.

A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Treasurer Sutherland to approve Budget Reallocation No. 2025-01 in the amount of \$225,000 for the Water Resource Master Plan. Motion put and carried.

- d. In Other New Business, Board Member Sweeney brought to the Boards' attention the Legislature Update to look at HB212 as a concern.

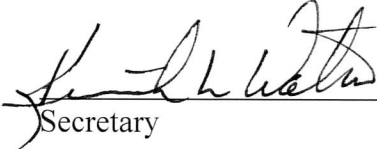
Vice-Chairman North and Board Member Larson left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

- 11. In the Chairman's Report, Chairman Bertoglio stated that the next Regular Meeting will be held on February 18, 2025.

A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Treasurer Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Motion put and carried.



Chairman



Secretary