

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

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

July 19, 2022

A public meeting of the Central Wyoming Regional Water System Joint Powers Board (Board) was held Tuesday, July 19, 2022 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 King, Vice-Chairman Bertoglio, Secretary Waters, Treasurer Freel, and Board Members Sabrosky, and Sutherland. Board Members Cathey and Knell were absent.

**City of Casper –** Freel, Sutherland, Andrew Beamer, Bruce Martin, Tom Edwards, Mark Anderson, Janette Brown

**Natrona County –** Bertoglio

**Salt Creek Joint Powers Board –** King

**Wardwell Water & Sewer District –** Sabrosky, Venus Childress

**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 —** Charlie Chapin – Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, P.C.

The Board meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

1. In Announcements, Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Mark Anderson was recently promoted to Water Distribution Manager, taking the place of Mr. Conner. Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Anderson will be attending the Board meetings to give the Distribution update.

2. Chairman King asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Regular meeting. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Bertoglio and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion put and carried.
3. Mr. Martin informed the Board that no additional vouchers were added to the voucher listing that was sent out in the agenda packet. Mr. Martin stated that there are two June Operations Reimbursement vouchers on the listing. Mr. Martin stated that with it being the end of the fiscal year, the second voucher helps wrap up FY22. Mr. Martin stated that there will be another June Operations Reimbursement voucher at the August meeting to finalize June.

Mr. Martin stated that voucher 8478 for Hach Company is for turbidimeters; voucher 8479 for Pope Construction is for the Hoistway Project; and voucher 8485 for Russell Industries, Inc. is for Casper Well #12 pump parts. Mr. Martin stated that the vouchers are in good order and recommended approval.

Chairman King asked for a motion to approve the July 2022 vouchers. A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Board Member Sabrosky to approve the July 2022 voucher listing to include voucher numbers 8476 through 8485 in the amount of \$601,595.74. Motion put and carried.

4. Mr. Martin asked the Board to reference the Gallons Produced table in the agenda packet. Mr. Martin stated that production for June 2022 was 529 MG, which is 5 MG more than the five-year average. Mr. Martin stated that the year to date production total is 3.6 BG, which is 112 MG less than the five-year average. Mr. Martin stated that this is due to the water conservation efforts that took place last summer due to the chemical shortage.

Mr. Martin stated that year to date FY22 Water Sales is \$7,656,471.

Mr. Martin stated that with June being the end of the fiscal year, there is no monthly compilation from Finance. Mr. Martin stated that once all the June expenses are accounted for, they will be included in the annual audit which will be presented to the Board in November or December.

Chairman King asked for a motion to approve the June 2022 Financial Report as presented. A motion was made by Board Member Sutherland and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the June 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion put and carried.

5. Chairman King turned the time over to Mr. Edwards for the WTP Operations Update.

Mr. Edwards stated that the WTP is producing approximately 23 MGD. Mr. Edwards stated that the Surface Water Plant is producing 13.5 MGD, and the wells are producing 9.5 MGD. Mr. Edwards stated that 27 of the 29 wells are running. Mr. Edwards stated that Casper 12 pump is being rebuilt, with an estimated return the end of July. Mr. Edwards stated that Casper 15 is having turbidimeter issues so is offline and work on it is being completed.

Mr. Edwards stated that two new Operators have been hired and both are currently in training.

Mr. Edwards stated that Maintenance staff completed some brush and weed clearing in the well fields.

Mr. Edwards stated that staff welded the card reader at the front gate and also welded some hinges on the bar screen access hatches in Raw Water.

Mr. Edwards stated that the turbidimeter was replaced in Morad 6.

Mr. Edwards stated that broken piping on the Actiflo sump pumps was repaired.

Mr. Edwards stated that there was an electrical issue on the Dewatering Pump Station. Mr. Edwards stated that there was undersized breakers that were replaced by Modern Electric and they also pulled some new wiring.

Mr. Edwards stated that last week Xylem Wedeco was on site to fix programming on an ozone generator. Mr. Edwards stated that a couple of weeks ago communication was lost on the Ozone system. Mr. Edwards stated that during restart, functionality was lost and staff was unable to run things in automatic. Mr. Edwards stated that staff has been running the Ozone system in manual since then. Mr. Edwards stated that Xylem Wedeco was able to reprogram the generators and they are back in automatic.

Treasurer Freel arrived at 11:42 a.m.

Chairman King asked how the piping in Actiflo was broke. Mr. Edwards stated that the pipe broke due to age and deterioration. Mr. Edwards stated that the piping is used in the sand pump area and is subjected to corrosive water.

Chairman King turned the time over to Mr. Anderson for the Transmission System Update.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff repaired a couple of soft spots in the Actiflo drying bed lagoon. Mr. Anderson stated that once that was completed, staff cleaned out the east Actiflo lagoon, so the lagoons should be good to go for the rest of the summer.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff mowed and sprayed the weeds at the tank and booster sites.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Airport Booster roof vent was repaired.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff assisted the Midwest/Edgerton operators in fixing the ARV at the Salt Creek Booster.

Mr. Anderson stated that the fire hydrant at the intersection of Robertson Road and Poison Spider Road was abandoned. Mr. Anderson stated that this fire hydrant has been hit and broken multiple times. Mr. Anderson stated that there are two other fire hydrants

in that area.

Mr. Anderson stated that Meter Services is working on completing the wholesale water master meter efficiency testing. Mr. Anderson stated that they have two meters left to test, Lakeview and 33 Mile meters.

Mr. Anderson stated that residuals in the system are good; there has not been any sign of nitrification taking place, but he expects to see it soon with the hot weather.

Chairman King asked how the new Airport Tank is working. Mr. Anderson stated that the tank is running well.

6. There was no Public Comment.

7. In Old Business:

a. There was no Other Old Business.

8. In New Business:

a. Mr. Martin stated that during the last Legislation session, \$50 M was appropriated for ARPA Grant Funding for projects throughout the State. Mr. Martin stated that the first round of applications has been opened and applications will be received until August 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Martin stated that ARPA funding will go up to a \$7.5 M grant with 85% grant funds and 15% matching funds from the applicant.

Mr. Martin stated that Resolution No. 22-03 is for authorization to submit an ARPA Grant application for the Well Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,500,000. Mr. Martin stated that the funds that were budgeted in the FY23 Budget will be used as the matching funds. Mr. Martin stated that the budgeted funds were for the rehabilitation of Caisson No. 2, but depending on how much funds are received, the plan is to rehabilitate all three Caissons, and if there are any leftover funds available, a vertical well. Mr. Martin stated that this is a good opportunity to leverage some additional funds with the funds that are already budgeted for the Well Rehabilitation Project.

A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Treasurer Freel to approve Resolution No. 22-03 authorizing submission of an application to the Wyoming State Loan and Investment Board for a grant through the Water and Sewer ARPA Grant Funding Program for the Central Wyoming Regional Water System Well Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,500,000. Motion put and carried.

b. Mr. Martin stated that Resolution No. 22-04 is for authorization to submit an ARPA Grant application for the 42-inch Ground Water Pipe Replacement Project in the amount of \$250,000. Mr. Martin stated that this is for the same grant funding as the previous resolution.

Mr. Martin stated that there is certain criteria that the State Loan and Investment Board will be using to determine which projects get funded with the ARPA Grant funds. Mr. Martin stated that some of the requirements are: size of community, anything under 10,000 will receive more points than the larger communities; how much of the matching funds are being provided, the larger the match funds, the higher the score; if the match funds come from an Enterprise Fund, it gets a higher score than if an SRF loan is used.

Mr. Martin stated that an application will not be submitted for an ARPA Grant for the UV Disinfection Project at this time. Mr. Martin stated that if an SRF loan is being used for the matching funds, it must already be in place with an executed agreement, which the Board does not have for this project as of yet. Mr. Martin stated that he anticipates future rounds of applications for grant funding. Mr. Martin recommended that the Board go forth with the SRF loan application for the UV Project and have that in place for a future round of grant applications.

Mr. Martin stated that the 42-inch Ground Water Pipe Replacement Project application will be for \$250,000. Mr. Martin stated that this project has already been designed by in-house engineers and is in the budget for FY23. Mr. Martin stated that this project is for the yard piping after the Ozone Degas tower which is severely corroded where some of the chemicals are injected into the pipe. Mr. Martin stated that much like the previous project, since funds are already budgeted, staff decided this project would be a good candidate to submit for grant funding, and if successful, use the budgeted funds as the match.

Board Member Sabrosky asked how long it will take for a decision to be made on the grant funding. Mr. Martin stated that the only information right now is that it will be decided at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Martin stated that they meet quite often during the year, and he anticipates they will have special meetings depending on the number of grant applications that are received. Mr. Martin stated that from what he understands, it will be a fairly quick process.

Chairman King stated that he believes there will be special meetings for approving grant applications as they want to get the funds out there. Chairman King stated that \$50 M sounds like a lot of money, but it gets eaten up pretty quickly. Mr. Martin stated that the funding has to be allocated by October 2024 and projects have to be completed by October 2026, so there is a pretty tight timeline.

Board Member Sutherland asked if the applications for these two RWS projects are being submitted for the 15% match. Mr. Martin stated that is correct.

A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Board Member Sutherland to approve Resolution No. 22-04 authorizing submission of an application to the Wyoming State Loan and Investment Board for a grant through the Water and Sewer ARPA Grant Funding Program for the Central Wyoming Regional Water System 42-inch Ground Water Pipe Replacement Project in the amount of \$250,000. Motion put and carried.

- c. Mr. Martin stated that Resolution No. 22-05 is for authorization to submit an ARPA Grant application for the Filter Valve Replacement Project in the amount of \$500,000.

Mr. Martin stated that this application is for the same grant funding. Mr. Martin stated that there is not funding in the FY23 budget for the Filter Valve Replacement Project. Mr. Martin stated that he and Mr. Edwards discussed the FY23 capital projects and there is \$80,000 in the budget for rehabilitating one of the filters by replacing filter media and coating inside the filter. Mr. Martin stated that they feel replacing the filter valves is a higher priority, so the funds allocated for the Filter Improvements Project could be used as the matching funds for the grant for the Filter Valve Replacement Project.

A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Vice-Chairman Bertoglio to approve Resolution No. 22-05 authorizing submission of an application to the Wyoming State Loan and Investment Board for a grant through the Water and Sewer ARPA Grant Funding Program for the Central Wyoming Regional Water System Filter Valve Replacement Project in the amount of \$500,000. Motion put and carried.

- d. Mr. Martin stated that this is the time of year that the Board is asked to carry-over funding that was allocated for FY22 Capital Projects that did not get completed. Mr. Martin stated that this would move the funds into FY23 and give the authorization to spend those funds.

Mr. Martin stated that the first project requested to carry-over is for the Chiller Replacement. Mr. Martin stated that the project was put out for bid in FY22, but bids came in substantially higher than anticipated. Mr. Martin stated that funds were added to the FY23 Capital Budget for this project. Mr. Martin stated that the funds from FY22 will be added to the FY23 budgeted funds and the project will be put back out for bid. Mr. Martin stated that the amount being carried over from FY22 to FY23 for the Chiller Replacement Project is \$156,584.80.

Mr. Martin stated that the second project requested to carry-over is for the Land Purchase in the amount of \$70,000. Mr. Martin stated that this is for the 8-acre Murphy parcel that is currently being worked on to get under contract. Mr. Martin stated that it is anticipated for this purchase to take place in early FY23.

Mr. Martin stated that the final project requested to carry-over is for the Well Rehabilitation. Mr. Martin stated that it was just discussed to use some of these funds for the ARPA Grant match. Mr. Martin stated that \$384,096.64 is requested to be carried-over from FY22 to FY23. Mr. Martin stated that there is also additional funds for the Well Rehabilitation Project budgeted in the FY23 Capital budget.

Mr. Martin stated that the total for the FY22 Capital Budget carry-over request is \$610,681.44.

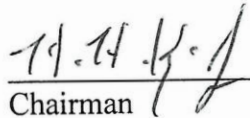
A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Bertoglio and seconded by Treasurer Freel to approve FY2022 Capital Budget Projects carry-over to the FY2023 Capital Budget in the amount of \$610,681.44. Motion put and carried.


e. There was no Other New Business.

9. In the Chairman's Report, Chairman King stated that the next regular meeting would be held on August 16, 2022.

Chairman King asked Mr. Chapin how things are going with the issue with the City of Mills. Mr. Chapin stated that the hearing for summary judgement is next Friday. Chairman King asked who the Judge is that will be hearing the case. Mr. Chapin stated that it is Judge Forgey.

A motion was made by Board Member Sabrosky and seconded by Secretary Waters to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion put and carried.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary