

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

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

September 19, 2023

A public meeting of the Central Wyoming Regional Water System Joint Powers Board (Board) was held Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 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 -** Vice-Chairman Bertoglio, Secretary Waters, and Board Members Knell, North, Pollock, and Sabrosky. Chairman King and Treasurer Cathey were absent.

**City of Casper –** Bertoglio, Knell, Pollock, Jill Johnson, Bruce Martin, Alex Sveda, Tom Edwards, Mark Anderson, Janette Brown

**Natrona County –** North

**Salt Creek Joint Powers Board –**

**Wardwell Water & Sewer District –** 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 –** Ben Taucher

**Central Wyoming Groundwater Guardian Team (CWGG) –**

**Others —**

The Board meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

1. In Announcements, Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that he is filling in for Chairman King today. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio also stated that he has Treasurer Cathey's proxy as he is unable to attend the meeting today.

2. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023, Regular meeting. A motion was made by Board Member North and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023, Regular meeting. Motion put and carried.
3. Mr. Martin stated there were no additional vouchers added to the voucher listing that was sent out in the agenda packet and asked the Board to reference the voucher listing on the screen.

Mr. Martin stated that voucher 8606 for Hach Company in the amount of \$5,506.00 is for a turbidity immersion probe for Actiflo Train #1, which was a scheduled capital replacement for FY24.

Mr. Martin stated that voucher 8607 for the City of Casper in the amount of \$127,960.18 is the final payment on the City loan.

Mr. Martin stated that voucher 8609 for Skogen, Cometto & Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$157.50 is for them to provide audit information and data to the new RWS auditors.

Mr. Martin stated that voucher 8610 for Wyoming.com in the amount of \$60.00 is for the RWS website domain hosting.

Mr. Martin stated that vouchers 8613 and 8614 for Hydro Rocky Mountain, Inc. are for well pumps for Caspar #8 and Morad #3. Mr. Martin stated that these were budgeted capital purchases.

Mr. Martin stated that the vouchers are in good order and recommended approval of vouchers 8606 through 8614 in the amount of \$670,973.69.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the September 2023 vouchers. A motion was made by Board Member Knell and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the September 2023 voucher listing to include voucher numbers 8606 through 8614 in the amount of \$670,973.69. Motion put and carried.

Board Member Knell asked where Mr. Chapin is today. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that Mr. Chapin is at a doctor appointment and could not make it to the meeting today.

4. Mr. Martin asked the Board to reference the Water Production chart on the screen. Mr. Martin stated that there were 566 MG of water produced in August, which is 63 MG below the five-year average of 630 MG.

Mr. Martin stated that the year-to-date water production was 1.15 BG, which is 148 MG below the five-year average of 1.30 BG.

Mr. Martin stated that Interest Earned is \$42,600 compared to \$267 last year. Mr. Martin stated that this will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Mr. Martin stated that Water Rate Revenue year-to-date is \$2,655,633, which is \$438,771 below last year at the same time. Mr. Martin stated that the reduction in production is impacting revenues.

Mr. Martin stated that System Development Charges are \$83,745. Mr. Martin stated that this is higher than the last two years at the same time. Mr. Martin stated that these are the one-time charges that are paid for new connections to the system.

Mr. Martin stated that Reimbursable Contract Expense is \$658,714, which includes August expenses. Mr. Martin stated that this line item is where it was expected to be at this time of the Fiscal Year.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked for a motion to approve the August 2023 Financial Report as presented. A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Board Member North to approve the August 2023 Financial Report as presented. Motion put and carried.

5. The time was turned over to Mr. Edwards to give the WTP Operations Update.

Mr. Edwards stated that production for September is averaging 16.8 MGD, with 7.2 MGD coming from the wellfields. Mr. Edwards stated that last year at this time production was averaging 16.7 MGD with 9.4 MGD coming from the wellfields.

Mr. Edwards stated that the new pumps for Caspar #8 and Morad #3 wells have been installed. Mr. Edwards stated that new VFD motors were installed for speed controls.

Mr. Edwards stated that the WWDC Wellfield Project pulled pumps and did camera inspections on Morad #2 and Morad #6. Mr. Edwards stated that they started pulling pumps to determine the best method for rehabilitation based on what they find. Mr. Edwards stated that it was determined at that time due to mechanical failure that the pump for Morad #2 is unable to be reinstalled. Mr. Edwards stated that quotes for a new pump are being requested. Mr. Edwards stated that the pump for Morad #6 was already on order due to an earlier mechanical failure, with an expected delivery date in mid-October.

Mr. Edwards stated that the WWDC project team was asked to be flexible with their schedule to allow time for ordering replacement well pumps for the pumps that are from the 1998 upgrade project. Mr. Edwards stated that these pumps will most likely be in similar condition to the Morad #2 pump.

Mr. Edwards stated that staff also asked the WWDC project team to look at the possibility of starting the rehab work earlier on the wells with the two pumps already pulled. Mr. Edwards stated that this plan is still being worked out.

Mr. Edwards stated that Maintenance staff has been working on Morad #3 well.

Mr. Edwards stated that Maintenance staff replaced the fuse panel on Casper #8 well, which was damaged during an electrical storm.

Mr. Edwards stated that Maintenance staff replaced sand pump #1 on Actiflo Train #1.

Mr. Edwards stated that Maintenance staff is replacing the operating stem nuts on the Raw Water gate actuators.

Mr. Edwards stated that Caisson #2 was flushed due to turbidity spikes.

Mr. Edwards stated that Surface Water High Service Pump #1 is being repaired due to mechanical issues. Mr. Edwards stated that it was determined that the pump needs new upper and lower bearings. Mr. Edwards stated that a special, low-profile hoist was purchased to aid in the repair, and the bearings are on order.

Mr. Edwards stated that the packing on Surface Water High Service #5, and sand pump #4 was replaced.

Mr. Edwards stated that Maintenance staff worked on monthly preventative maintenance workorders and turbidimeter calibrations, as well as the weekly and monthly water sampling.

Mr. Edwards stated that the contractor work that was done this past month was Sheet Metal Specialties and their subcontractors working on the Chiller Project. Mr. Edwards stated that new pumps were installed on the hot-water side, and they are getting ready to shut down the cold-water side and replace the cold-water pumps. Mr. Edwards stated that the cold-water valves will be replaced in the main building, they are just waiting on materials.

Mr. Edwards stated that HOA was out last week working on SCADA issues and programming the new VFDs in the wellfield. Mr. Edwards stated that they also installed the three new replacement SCADA computers in the Operations Room.

Mr. Edwards stated that quotes are being requested for the Ammonia Piping Replacement Project and the Sodium Hypochlorite Tank repairs.

Mr. Edwards stated that the Lead Operator resigned, and his last day was September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Edwards stated that the job has been advertised and closes this Sunday.

Mr. Edwards stated that one of the Operators also submitted their notice that their last day will be September 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Edwards stated that the position opened today and will close in two weeks.

Board Member Knell asked if it was known why two people have resigned from the WTP. Mr. Martin stated that the Lead Operator relocated out of state with his family. Mr. Edwards stated that the Lead Operator has moved to Tennessee and the Operator took a position at the power plant.

The time was turned over to Mr. Anderson for the Transmission System Update.

Mr. Anderson stated that the weekly security checks and tank sampling continue to be

completed each week.

Mr. Anderson stated that the system chloramine residuals are lower than what they have been but are hanging in there. Mr. Anderson stated that the lower residuals are due to the lower volume of water used.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff finished servicing RWS hydrants for the year.

Mr. Anderson stated that with the wet weather this year, staff has had a hard time keeping up with the weed spraying and mowing.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff hauled off a couple of old pumps from the wellfield to the scrap iron.

Mr. Anderson stated that the loader was put in the drying bed of the Actiflo lagoons. Mr. Anderson stated that it seems pretty dry, so it is on the schedule to haul the sludge to the Landfill next week.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff has started a project to go through all the boosters to check the valves to see if they hold or not and come up with a list of replacement valves to put in the FY25 Capital budget.

6. There was no Public Comment.

7. In Old Business:

a. Mr. Martin stated that at the meeting last month, Ms. Johnson had provided some information on investment options and the Board had requested that Ms. Johnson bring additional information to the Board. Mr. Martin turned the time over to Ms. Johnson to review the investment options for the Board.

Ms. Johnson stated that she understands that it was quite a lively discussion at the last meeting and apologized for not being able to attend. Ms. Johnson stated that one thing that she left off the options list is that the Board has a WyoStar I account. Ms. Johnson stated that the WyoStar I account is very similar to the short-term investment pools.

Ms. Johnson stated that Wyoming Class and WGIF are both short-term investment pools. Ms. Johnson stated that the WyoStar I account will have short-term investments that are typically no longer than 270 days. Ms. Johnson stated that it pays a bit shorter on the interest rate at 4.1%.

Ms. Johnson stated that when the Board set up these accounts, about 35% was put in the WyoStar I account, and the rest put in the WyoStar II account. Ms. Johnson stated that the difference between the two accounts is that one is very short-term, which funds would be available if needed for construction projects. Ms. Johnson stated that the other is long-term investments and has more repercussion for pulling funds out early. Ms. Johnson stated that if the Board

chooses to pull funds out of this account, typically the Pool would need to sell bonds if they didn't have cash on hand or have investments maturing at that time, which would then cause a loss to the Pool. Ms. Johnson stated that this has happened a couple of times over the last year.

Ms. Johnson stated that she understands that when the list of investment options was presented to the Board there were questions. Ms. Johnson stated that she is happy to answer whatever questions the Board has on the options.

Mr. Martin stated that if he remembers correctly, there were some questions about how to move forward, what amount should stay in which accounts, should more be moved in, should the Board look at moving funds to Hilltop, what should the investment strategy be moving forward.

Board Member Knell stated that he thinks the Board was concerned about volatility and is looking for more clear-cut guidance on how to proceed.

Ms. Johnson stated that if the Board chose, they could move funds out of the WyoStar II account, again that is a long-term investment. Board Member Knell stated that the Board would get penalized for that. Ms. Johnson stated that the Board would not be penalized unless they liquidated their portfolio in that account. Ms. Johnson stated that the Board could just pull a little bit out, typically get the cash out and move it to where they want it to go.

Ms. Johnson stated that when you look at the market in general, the short-term investment pools will follow the interest rates. Ms. Johnson stated that they will go up and down. Ms. Johnson stated that last month she was at a conference and the economy was discussed and where economists think that is going. Ms. Johnson stated that at that point in time they thought that the interest rates were topped out and were going to come back down. Ms. Johnson stated that she thinks that we have a different view of that today, that they may go up a bit further before coming down.

Ms. Johnson stated that if the Board decides to move funds out of the WyoStar II account into one of the short-term investment pools, you will get a better return on the short-term, but on the long-term you will potentially be back to where it was when the funds were first deposited, which was almost 0% interest rate. Ms. Johnson stated that if the Board does that, the rates should dip in the next six to eight months, so it is a very short-term benefit.

Ms. Johnson stated that if the Board is looking at this as a long-term investment strategy, the WyoStar II account is the one that will be a bit more stable. Ms. Johnson stated that right now it's a bit volatile just because of some of the discussion that has been had in the public, and there have been some large withdrawals from that account, but it is expected that it will move forward with what they had in their investments.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Board is a small percentage of the WyoStar II pool, as

that pool has about \$110 Million in it. Ms. Johnson stated that the Board is just over 3% of the pool.

Ms. Johnson asked the Board to reference the comparison that she provided that is on the screen. Ms. Johnson stated that this comparison shows the differences in interest earnings between WyoStar II, WGIF, and Wyoming Class at the current monthly yield. Ms. Johnson reiterated that these interest rates change on these pools each month.

Ms. Johnson stated that as for a recommendation, it's going to be based on whatever the Board intends to use these funds for. Ms. Johnson stated that if the Board is looking for a long-term investment strategy, you may want to leave it there, or pull a little bit out to maximize on some additional interest income. Ms. Johnson stated that if the Board moves funds now, they will most likely move them again when the interest rates come down.

Board Member Knell stated that he is not a stock market day trader type, he is more of a long haul, especially when talking about the amount of money that will be going towards projects in the future. Board Member Knell stated that it doesn't make sense to him to move any of it, and then turn around and move it back. Board Member Knell stated that it is a gamble in his opinion.

Ms. Johnson stated that the WGIF is an investment pool, but they also offer CD's. Ms. Johnson stated that with CD's the rate is locked in, and the funds aren't used, so at the end you get your funds plus the interest. Ms. Johnson stated that CD's are very safe and FDIC insured. Ms. Johnson stated that the limit on the CD's is \$250,000, so if the Board is looking for something that they would like to move just a little bit of money out, the Board might consider something like a CD program. Ms. Johnson stated that CD's have to be managed, as when they mature, the funds would need to be cashed out or rolled forward. Ms. Johnson stated that CD's have a good return with a very safe investment.

Secretary Waters stated that when the interest rates fall, the CD rates stay the same. Board Member North stated that the CD interest rates are locked in until they mature.

Board Member Knell asked how the CD rate compares to the WyoStar II rate. Ms. Johnson stated that WyoStar II is fairly small at .1577%. Board Member Knell stated that it would be smart to move some funds into CD's as long as they don't have to be accessed soon.

Board Member North asked how much the Board has in WyoStar II right now. Ms. Johnson stated that the Board has \$3.5 Million in WyoStar II right now.

Board Member Sabrosky asked if \$250,000 is the top limit for CD's. Ms. Johnson stated that it is, as that is the FDIC insured limit.

Ms. Johnson stated that there is an interest rate risk as well. Ms. Johnson stated

that the interest rate risk would be where you invest your money at 5.5% for six months, but in six months you may not be able to reinvest your money at that rate.

Board Member North stated that the CD rate is locked in for the term of the CD.

Board Member Knell stated that the advantage is there is very little risk, but the con is if the money is needed right away during that term, you can't get it.

Board Member North stated that you are only talking about \$250,000 versus \$3 Million. Board Member Knell stated that he thinks the Board should go with two CD's at \$250,000 each. Board Member North agreed.

Board Member Knell asked if this is something that Ms. Johnson would recommend. Ms. Johnson stated that she does for this group, as the structure would work well. Ms. Johnson stated that for the City of Casper it would not be as advantageous. Ms. Johnson stated that this would give the Board a better rate than the WyoStar II account right now.

Board Member Knell asked if this will still cover the Board statutorily to have a certain amount of Operating Capital on hand. Ms. Johnson stated that she believes the Board's WyoStar II account is Reserves. Board Member Knell asked if half a Million were used to buy CD's if it would still count as Operating Expenses. Ms. Johnson stated that the Operating Expense is in the Hilltop Bank account and the investments are typically used as Reserves, or money that is not required right away.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that there is a requirement on some of the loans that require \$1 Million in Reserves and marked as that.

Board Member Knell stated that even if the Board uses \$500,000 to purchase CD's, it will still leave over \$2 Million in the WyoStar II account.

A motion was made by Board Member Knell and seconded by Board Member North to move \$500,000 from the WyoStar II account into two separate 12-month CD's.

Ms. Johnson asked if the Board wants the CD's to mature at the same time, or different times. Board Member Knell stated that managerially it would be better to have them mature at the same time, then reassess next year.

Motion put and carried.

Board Member Knell asked who would be managing the CD's. Ms. Johnson stated that WGIF, Wyoming Government Investment Fund, would be managing them. Ms. Johnson stated that the Board used to have money in WGIF, but when it reached 0% interest, the funds were pulled and moved to WyoStar. Ms. Johnson stated that WGIF is a local investment pool that has been out there for quite some time. Ms. Johnson stated that a lot of school districts utilize this fund.



Board Member Sabrosky asked if WGIF is overseen by the Treasurer's Office. Ms. Johnson stated that it is not, she is not sure if it is private or quasi-governmental.

Board Member Knell asked if WGIF will let Ms. Johnson, Mr. Martin, or someone on the Board know when the CD's are maturing so the Board can make a decision on where that money will be going. Ms. Johnson stated that can be requested. Board Member Knell stated that there are some clauses that the CD's just roll over automatically.

- b. In Other Old Business, Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked where Wardwell stands with dissolving. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that he heard the vote to dissolve happened and asked how Wardwell is coming on agreements.

Board Member Sabrosky stated that the Wardwell Board no longer exists, it is now a Board of Trustees and is doing a deep dive on the water rights issue. Board Member Sabrosky stated that Wardwell has hired HDR to safely transfer the water rights without a loss, whether that is to Bar Nunn or Regional Water, whichever transfer ends with no loss in water rights.

Secretary Waters stated that there was a discussion last month on this and stated that since the amendment that was voted on, and the way it was structured, everything of Wardwell goes to the County, and then the County had to make an agreement for Bar Nunn to manage it. Secretary Waters stated that Board Member Sabrosky just verbalized that the water rights were going from Wardwell to Bar Nunn.

Board Member Sabrosky stated that he would have to go back and read the exact words of the agreement, but the attorneys were never reading that statute as assets transferred to the County and then to Bar Nunn. Board Member Sabrosky stated that was if they fully dissolved and no longer existed.

Secretary Waters stated that is what the resolution was that was put out for the people to vote on. Secretary Waters asked how they can go back on it. Board member Sabrosky stated that he is just taking his word for it, but he doesn't think that is how it was written. Board Member Sabrosky stated that he knows there was talk in the agreement of going to the County Commissioners, because by statute Wardwell had to inform them of their intentions. Board Member Sabrosky stated that originally, they thought the County Commissioners had to vote on it, but after further review of that statute they don't.

Secretary Waters stated that the copy of the resolution that was sent out, that's how it is written in it.

Board Member Knell asked if the water rights actually belong to Regional and Wardwell just manages them. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that it is the other way around, the water rights belong to Wardwell and are managed by Regional Water.

Board Member Sabrosky stated that there are three different water rights. Board Member Sabrosky stated that the well water rights were fully given to Regional Water. Board Member Sabrosky stated that the other two water rights have a 60/40 split.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that he believes it is a good move to have the water rights expert look into them.

Board Member Sabrosky stated that they all agree that as long as none of the water rights are lost is the main thing.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that the agreement he is most worried about is keeping everything within the four corners of the Regional Water agreement. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that someone needs to send to Regional Water a notice, but that is something that Mr. Chapin needs to be involved with.

Board Member Sabrosky stated that from what he was told, is that if the entity dissolved with no transfer, everything goes to the County, but if everything is being transferred to a different entity, you just have to inform the County, and all the assets are transferred to the different entity. Board Member Sabrosky stated that he would have to go read it again.

Secretary Waters stated that he was just reading from the resolution that was put out to the people of Wardwell, and that's what they voted on. Secretary Waters stated that he is a stickler about contracts and contract language especially if you put it out and that's what they voted on. Secretary Waters stated that if something different is done, then that vote is not worth the paper that it's written on. Board Member Sabrosky stated that if that is what it says, then he would agree with Secretary Waters, and they may be stuck going that route, but he will see.

8. In New Business:

- a. Mr. Martin stated that this project started out with just rehabbing Caisson #2. Mr. Martin stated that the project went out to bid just over a year ago and came in much higher than budgeted. Mr. Martin stated that the bids were rejected, and the Board went after additional funding. Mr. Martin stated that this is the project that the Board received \$1.5 Million in ARPA funding for. Mr. Martin stated that the project was expanded to include all three Caisson wells.

Mr. Martin stated that this project was put back out to bid, and Layne Christensen came in with the low bid of \$1,268,000. Mr. Martin stated that he apologizes for the memo, as the names of the two bidders should be flipped. Mr. Martin stated that two bids were received.

Mr. Martin stated that this project is for the rehabilitation of all three Caissons and will use ARPA Funding and matching funds from the RWS Capital Budget. Mr. Martin stated that the project is expected to be completed in November 2024. Mr. Martin stated that hopefully they will be able to get started sooner as Caisson #2

is not producing much water right now, so it would be good to have it rehabbed before the next water demand season.

Mr. Martin stated that Alex Sveda, City Engineer, is in attendance today to help answer any questions the Board might have on this project.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked what the original bid came in as. Mr. Sveda stated that the original bid in April 2022 on the project was just under \$550,000 for just Caisson #2. Mr. Sveda stated that there was only \$370,000 or so budgeted for the project. Mr. Sveda stated that the new bid includes Caisson #1 and Caisson #3 as well. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that the costs are more inline with what was expected the first time. Mr. Sveda stated that costs are still up, but if you consider that in April 2022 Caisson #2 was \$550,000, this bid for Caisson #2 was \$472,000. Mr. Martin stated that doing all three of them at the same time is an economy of scale.

Board Member Pollock asked if the Board has worked with Layne Christensen before. Mr. Martin stated that there are only two companies that do this work, and the name is familiar. Mr. Sveda stated that there were only two companies that submitted bids and they are both from out of state.

Board Member Sabrosky asked what the start date is for the project. Mr. Martin stated that if the Board approves the contract today, it usually takes a month to get the paperwork in place. Mr. Sveda stated that it should start in late October, or early November. Mr. Martin stated that that it also depends on the contractor's schedule, as since there are only two companies that do this work, they are pretty booked up.

Board Member Sabrosky asked if this project is winter friendly type work. Mr. Martin stated that it will have to be scheduled around weather and wellfield use, but Caisson #2 is not producing well so they can have that well anytime they can fit it in. Board Member Sabrosky asked if the contract will be written up so they can get into better weather. Mr. Martin stated that they have until November 2024 to complete the project.

Secretary Waters asked if the contract is not contingent on them doing all the work when they showed up at one time, if they could do one well and then come back. Mr. Sveda stated that staff will work out a schedule with the Contractor to figure out what the best option is and go from there. Mr. Sveda stated that the Consultant is based out of Laramie, and we don't want them having to hop around to make sure and inspect the wells. Mr. Sveda stated that we want to make sure there is a consistent schedule of deadlines that the Consultant can see and inspect.

A motion was made by Board Member North and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the agreement with Layne Christensen Company for the Caisson Wells Rehabilitation and Pump Discharge Piping Modifications, Project No. 21-040 in the amount of \$1,268,000 with a construction contingency amount of \$82,000, for a total project amount of \$1,350,000. Motion put and carried.

Board Member Knell left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

- b. Mr. Martin stated that over the last several years the lighting has been updated to LED lights throughout the facility one area at a time. Mr. Martin stated that LED lighting is much more efficient and does not have the warm up time of the current lighting. Mr. Martin stated that LED lights provide an overall better lighting.

Mr. Martin stated that in the FY24 Capital Budget there is the Security Upgrades Capital Project, which is where the lighting upgrades have been coming from. Mr. Martin stated that proposals were requested, with Kenny Electric coming in with the low quote. Mr. Martin stated that staff recommends moving forward with the North Chem Lighting Project.

Board Member Sabrosky stated that the other two bids are pretty close and asked if Kenny Electric missed something on the bid. Board Member North stated that the other two companies are Union, so that could be the difference. Mr. Edwards stated that Kenny Electric is also competitive and wants to get their foot in the door. Board Member North asked if they are from Casper. Mr. Edwards stated that they are.

Board Member Sabrosky asked if Kenny Electric has done sizable industrial type projects. Mr. Edwards stated that they did the lighting upgrade over the Actiflo system.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked if the Board is getting any rebates on the lighting upgrades from Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Martin stated that we are not.

A motion was made by Board Member North and seconded by Board Member Pollock to approve the contract with Kenny Electric for the North Chemical Building Lighting Upgrades in the amount of \$18,395.00. Motion put and carried.

- c. Mr. Martin stated that there are six gravity filters with 43 valves sized 6 to 30-inch that are utilized in that system. Mr. Martin stated that the valves are in various states of failure and are critical to efficient operations of the filters to avoid contamination of the Clear Well. Mr. Martin stated that prioritization will be made for the replacement of these valves. Mr. Martin stated that the valves will be purchased and replaced in-house.

Mr. Martin stated that nine butterfly valves will be purchased now, and staff will come back later for authorization to purchase more valves.

Mr. Martin stated that quotes were requested for the nine butterfly valves with Ferguson Waterworks coming in with the low quote of \$31,845.00. Mr. Martin stated that this is a budgeted FY24 Capital Replacement.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked if the valves have been inspected, and if nine is all that is needed. Mr. Martin stated that more valves will most likely be needed,

but they will be purchased a little at a time as they will be replaced in-house, and we want to make sure to get the replacement done.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that if all these valves get replaced and there is an emergency, are the valves readily available. Mr. Martin stated that it takes a while to get the valves. Mr. Martin stated that the valves have not completely failed, but staff wants to get ahead with replacements. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio asked if any of the valves can be rebuilt. Mr. Martin stated that they cannot be rebuilt.

Secretary Waters asked if the valves have a rubber lined seat on them. Mr. Martin stated that they have the resilient seat on them.

Mr. Martin stated that the signed contract has not been returned yet from Ferguson and asked that the contract be approved contingent on working out any contract language between Mr. Chapin and Ferguson instead of waiting until the meeting next month.

A motion was made by Board Member North and seconded by Secretary Waters to approve the Procurement of Goods Agreement with Ferguson Waterworks for nine butterfly valves in the amount of \$31,845.00 contingent on any contract language revisions approved by Mr. Chapin. Motion put and carried.

d. In Other New Business:

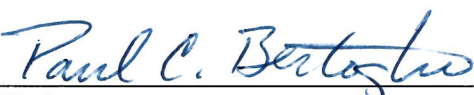
- i. Board Member Sabrosky asked if anyone has started looking at the yearly budget for electricity with the large, anticipated increase in electric rates. Board Member Sabrosky asked what the annual budget is for electricity at the WTP. Mr. Martin stated that it is around \$350,000. Board Member Sabrosky stated that amount could go up approximately \$100,000.

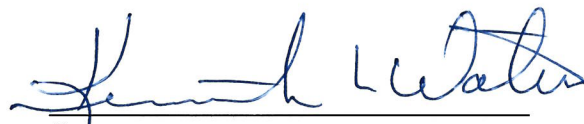
9. Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that with Mr. Chapin not in attendance today, there is no need for an Executive Session.

10. In the Chairman's Report, Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that he hopes for the best for Chairman King as he is battling health issues.

Vice-Chairman Bertoglio stated that the next Regular Meeting will be held on October 17, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Secretary Waters and seconded by Board Member North to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m. Motion put and carried.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary