CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
December 13, 2023
MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chairman Kalitowski opened the meeting and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kalitowski, Chairman; Dave Liggett, Sec/Treas.; Lon Sibley, Roundup; Dave Picchioni, Roundup; Laura Larocco, Ryegate; Allen Davis, Ryegate; Paul Otten, Harlowton; Jeff Sell, Harlowton; Connie Roussan, Melstone by Proxy; Susan Hayes, Great West Engineering; Amy Deitchler, Great West Engineering; Monty Sealey, Project & Mgmt Services; Rick Duncan by telephone; Sam Klepzig, O & M Manager; Shelby Welch, RD.

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8. 2023: Allen Davis moved to approve the Minutes from November 8, 2023, as sent, seconded by Lon Sibley, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT & CURRENT BILLS: Treasurer Liggett reported a beginning balance at 1st Security bank of $19,999.46 with deposits of $179,177.74; Invoices totaling $19,653.05 leaving an ending balance of $179,124.15. Liggett also reported a beginning balance at Stockman Bank of $289.65 with $189,935.14 in deposits. Invoices for Stockman Bank totaled $3,675,495.74, leaving an ending balance of (3,486,270.95).

Current bills included; C&C Excavation for Pay App 7 PH IIA for $850,692.49; MT Dept of Revenue for 1% Tax for $8,592.85; C&C Excavation for Pay App #17 PH I for $245,047.48; MT Dept of Revenue for 1% Tax for $2,475.23; COP Construction for Pay App #1 PHII C for $1,350,039.28; MT Dept of Revenue for 1 % Tax for $13,636.76; COP Construction for Pay App #4 PH II B for $1,121,985.64; MT Dept of Revenue for 1% Tax for $11,333.19; Great West Eng. Inv 30851 PH II Design for $5,704.90; Great West Eng. Inv 30850 $4,680.00 from Muss Co. 077A & $56.06 from Muss. Co.; Great West Eng Inv 30851 Design PH II for $5,704.90; Great West Eng. Inv 30852 Aq. Resources from Muss. Co for $4,680.00; Great West Eng Inv 30853 Ph III, IIIA Environmental for $10,973.92; Great West Eng Inv 30854 PH IV Design for $17,847.99; Great West Eng Inv PH II Const Mgmt. for $121,581.15; Mid Rivers Acct 8740500 for $20.75; The Times Clarion , well ads PH II for 900.00; Big Horn Public Affairs for $2,500.00; Lee Enterprises for $20.00; Project & Mgmt Serv. Inv RW023011-$1,350.00 for Admin., $7,629.78 BOR PH II Admin; Urick Law Firm for ROW Opinion for $2,035.00; BNSF Inv 90259347 PH II ROW for $6,581.23; Dorsey & Whitney Inv 3931145 RD PH I Bond Counsel for $20,000; CMRWA Water Acct for Tools for $919.98-Admin. An additional check to replace Ch #2188 in the amount of $418,485.90 for Pay #6 PH II A to C&C Construction was included for authorization.

Dave Liggett moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay the current bills pending receipt of funding, seconded by Paul Otten, motion carried.

WASTE WATER DISPOSAL-WELL 4 & 5: After a short discussion it was noted the Harlowton had voted no to allowing waste water from the well drilling to be disposed of in the Harlowton Lagoon System. They idea was dropped.

WATER FILL STATIONS: After discussion about allowing County Road Departments to fill water trucks for road construction and repairs, subject to turn on by our O&M staff, Dave Picchioni moved to allow, at no charge, seconded by Allen Davis, motion carried. It will be included in the Water Policy updates in our Water Use Regulations.

PHASE I-STATUS: Amy Deitchler reported that COP Construction was done with their checklist for Phase I. Warranty items will be up to date tomorrow. There are still a couple meters that need to go to the meter pits. Everything is operating okay.

PHASE II A,B,C-STATUS: Amy reported that C&C Excavation is having a groundwater issue in Phase II A. A report about this will be included in next month's AGENDA. COP Construction has all pipeline buried in PH IIB except in the wetlands areas. They will now go back and install the required structures along the line.

A Pre-Construction meeting was held this AM for PH II C with COP Construction. They are beginning to receive pipe for PH II C. They hope to start digging in pipeline at the beginning of January.

PHASE IV-STATUS: Amy reported that Great West was in the midst of design for PH IV. We are working on acquisition of easements. Great West is getting close to having it laid out. They hope to submit it to DEQ in February or March.

Susan Hayes handed out colored maps of the Sage Hen classifications in PH IV. She explained the requirements of the Sage Grouse Program. It is estimated that $125,000 fee is required where construction goes through or in proximity of the "red" colored areas; ½ of that amount if near the black circle. The fee probably will not be due until May. If there are no changes the CMRWA Board will okay the "red" scenario rather than the blue/black. Jeff Sell moved to accept the red proposal, seconded by Dave Picchioni. The motion passed with one abstention and 1 no vote. (SeeMap)

PHASE III & IIIA-STATUS: It was reported that Cultural Resources work is in progress for PH III & IIIA to Broadview-Deadman Basin, etc. It is believed we have the funding in place to do both.

Contact will be made with Hobson (PH V) to see the status of their efforts.

RD-RURAL DEVELOPMENT: No new issues.

BOR-BUREAU OF RECLAMATION: No representative attending.

MT DNRC: Rick Duncan wants a written summary of anticipated uses of the excess funds in our Administrative budget in order to release funding. He also noted that the Sage Grouse program should not hold us hostage if we pay attention to it and the rules.

O & M: Monty Sealey at the beginning of the meeting summarized the expenses and revenues for the O & M Water User Account at 1st Security Bank. He will meet with the CEO to arrange how we will be able to deal with the short-term debt for operations.

Sam Klepzig, O&M Manager mentioned that the Chlorine residuals at Harlowton are now down to more acceptable levels. We have results from our Back T's; they look good. There will be the need for Harlowton to test lead lines every two weeks to meet DEQ requirements.

He also stated that we are providing water to Phase IIA for pressure testing, etc.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Monty L. Sealey, Project Administrator Date