CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
June 12, 2024
MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chairman Kalitowski called the meeting to order and asked that all in attendance and on line introduce the-selves.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kalitowski, Chairman; Dave Liggett, Sec./Treasurer; David Picchioni, V. Chairman; Lon Sibley, Roundup; Lee Bufew, Roundup; Allen Davis, Ryegate; Sam Klepzig, O&M Manager; Laura Larocco, Ryegate; Paul Otten, Halrowton, Monty sealey, Project & Mgmt Services; Warren Hansen, MMCWD; Thomas Hersh, MMCWD; David Shreeve, MMRWD; Bob Church, Great West Engineering; On-line-Sandie Koenig, DEQ; Amy Dietchler, Great West Engineering; Greg Kruzich, BOR; Steve Troendle, RD; Matt Smith, Stahley Engineering; Nina Denny, DNRC; Scott Keller, Shawmut-Deadman's Basin;L. Baumgarner, Shawmut-Deadman's Basin, Rick Duncan, DNRC.

APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2024 MINUTES: Allen Davis moved to approve the Minutes from May 8, 2024; seconded by Dave Liggett; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND CURRENT BILLS: Dave Liggett gave the Treasurer's Report and presented the current bills:

The reported beginning bank balance at 1st Security bank was (177,177) with deposits totaling $359,642. Invoices totaled$24,724 leaving a bank balance of $157,741. Stockman bank had a reported beginning balance of ($2,722,537) with deposits of $3,350,000. Invoices totaled $3,587,906 leaving an ending bank balance of ($2,960,443).

Bills presented for payment included: Great West Eng, Inv, 32417 for $2,709.52; Great West Eng. Inv # 32418 for $3,136.08; Great West Eng Inv # 32419 for $88,705.99; Great West Eng Inv 32420 for $150,741.49; Great West Eng inv #32421 for $4,336,81; Big Horn Public Affairs Inv # 1521 for $2,500.00; Mid Rivers Tele Acct 874055 for $20.95; Project & Mgmt Services Inv RW024005 for $8,377.65; Project & Mgmt Services Inv RW024005 for $2,175.00; T7 Ranch Easement for $17,200.00; Muss. Ranch Co. Easement for $17,320.00; William Goffena Easement for $7,510.00; Dave Picchioni Easement for $3,340.00; Gary Ludwig Easement for $7,080.00; Levi Klamert Easement for $21,000.00; Tippy Butte Ranch Easement for $46,310.00; High Butte Ranch Easement for $20,720.00; Tranel Properties Easement for $46,650.00; Heart S Cattle Easement for $$20,550.00; Charle Jennaway Easement for $19,470.00; Dennis Anderson Easement for $40.00; Ragged Point Ranch Easement for $26,830.00; Sunset Colony Easement for $6,420.00; Milton Ranch Easement for $950.00; Milton Ranch Easement for $8,430.00; Fifty 10 Ranch Easement for $15,500.00; Pole Creek Grazing Easement for $470.00; Flying S Title Insurance for $368.00; C&C Excavation Pay App 13 IIA for $1,021,350.63; MT Dept of Rev 1% Tax 13 for $10,316.67; C&C Excavation Pay App 19 Final RDPH I for $19,828.15; MT Dept of Rev 1% Tax 19 for

$200.28; COP Construction Pay App 10 PH II B for $536,991.60; MT Dept of Rev 1% Tax 10 for $5,424.16; Hydro Resources Pay App #5 Wells 4 & 5 for $893,324.52; MT Dept of Rev 1% Tax 5 for $9,023.48; COP Construction Pay App #7 II C for $543,087.17; MT Dept of Rev 1% Tax 7 for $5,486.73; Town of Broadview Water Tank Hook-up for $18,735.13; for a total of $3,612,630.01.

Dave Liggett moved to accept the Treasurer's Rept. and pay the bills as reimbursement funds are acquired; seconded by Paul Otten; motion carried.

Monty Sealey presented the Summary of Accounts from Tanya for the O&M account at 1st Security Bank. The reported beginning bank balance was $26,441.97. All bills were paid including the monthly payment to RD for our phase I Loan. The reported ending balance was $13,783.38, with a June payment due from Harlowton of $29,850.15.

Dave Liggett moved to accept the O&M Report; seconded by David Picchioni; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2506R: Monty Sealey presented Resolution 2506R to the Board. The Resolution adopted the BAN for PH II A in the amount of $500,000. Dave Liggett moved to approve the loan; seconded by Paul Otten; motion carried. Chairman Kalitowski signed all related documents.

O & M REPORT: Sam Klepzig, O&M Manager reported the water is flowing to Harlowton. Sam presented a contract offer from Smart Sights subscription for our expiring WIN-911/XLSCADA support for one year or three years. Monty Sealey suggested that although there is a savings for the multi-year option, we do not have the cash flow to pay for the longer period at this time. Lon Sibley moved to renew for one year; seconded by David Picchioni; motion carried.

Sam also discussed that the additional O& M position should be full time at a salary of $20-30.00 per hour plus benefits. It likely would be better for the new hire to live near Roundup. The Job Description will be completed by the Committee then sent to the Board for review. Bob Church clarified that Sam had answered an advertisement in INDEED for his job application. Time is of the essence for this next position. Sealey mentioned we need to deal with how we are going to pay for the tools and equipment needed for the new hire.

SUNSET COLONY WATER USER CONTRACT: Monty Sealey received back the signed water user contract from Sunset Colony. Allen Davis moved to accept and sign the contract; seconded by Paul; motion carried.

TASK ORDER 45: Bob Church explained Task Order 45 in the amount of $1,793,000. The purpose of the Task Order is for managing the bidding, Construction Management and inspection for Wells 4 & 5 Connecting Infrastructure Projects. David Picchioni moved to accept Task Order 45; seconded by Dave Liggett; motion carried.

PHASE I-HARLOWTON-STATUS: Amy Dietchler reported that all the meter pits had now been installed. She will be doing a July- Walk Through. We are essentially done with Phase I to Harlowton. Monty Sealey will send in funding reimbursement requests to pay the final bill of $19,828.15 plus $200.28for the 1% Tax. There is a balance in the RD funding of $12,091.80. The remaining balance will be paid from Miscellaneous Administration funds.

Paul Otten asked if Harlowton was required to keep testing, for lead and copper. It is quite expensive. Amy will check into it with DEQ.

PHASE II A,B,C, TO ROUNDUP-STATUS: Most all of the water line is done in Phase II A. Back Tees are done. Leak tests are being conducted. The storage Tank crew is mobilizing. No schedule was given.

All bores are done for Phase II B. COP is installing PRV's. They are working on leak tests.

The bores at the Golf Course are still in progress. COP is working on PRV's and have started installation of the fiber conduit. Change Order # 23 was noted in the amount of $22,755.92 in Phase II C. In addition, a second Change Order for $42,154.31 was also noted. Both dealt with fiber.

WELL #4 & 5: The step test was completed for Well #4. Also, the constant pump test rate was 1400 gpm, with about 150' of draw down. Samples were sent to the lab for quality analysis. Well #5 was at 1,409' this morning. Bob Church explained they are trying to get sole source pump acquisition okayed. They were working with Denver. They are working to get the specs for the required pumps so they can be approved and ordered.

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS: It was reported we had just gotten DEQ's review comments. Amy said she has half of them answered. They hope to bid Phase IV by the end of July. The project FONSI is available for publication in the local papers for a 30-day comment period. Most of the rural connections have been identified with agreements in place.

PHASE III-TO BROADVIEW: Bob Church explained they are working on easements and land-acquisition on the route to Broadview. The cultural survey and other environmental work is in progress. Bob and Monty will be attending a public meeting tonight in Lavina to explain the project and gauge interest in individual hook-ups through Lavina. All federal money for Phase III has been arranged. We are working with the state for their share. It is hoped we can start construction of Phase III summer of 2025. A draft Water User's Agreement was sent to Broadview. They have requested a public meeting on August 13 at Broadview.

Some environmental and cultural work has been started for Phase IIIA to Shawmut/Deadman's Basin.

Ryegate in Phase IIIC is working with DEQ. They have their PER ready. Both Ryegate and Shawmut are looking into Emerging Contaminants funding for their share of the project funding.

Ryegate asked for a letter of Commitment from CMRWA. Monty Sealey read his draft of such letter. Dave Liggett moved to approve and sign the letter to Ryegate; seconded by Paul Otten; motion carried.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT-RD: There were no further comments from RD.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION-BOR: Greg Kruzich noted there may be a further announcement of FY 24 BIL funding coming.

MT DNRC: Rick Duncan noted the need to get the ARPA funding reports up to date. Most of the ARPA Projects have used up their funding. Monty Sealey will work on the reporting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Monty L. Sealey, Project & Management Services Date