CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
November 20, 2024
MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2024 – motion passed

TREAURER'S REPORT AND CURRENT BILLS

MID RIVERS ACCT 8740500		Gen Admin-Monitor $	57.36	1st Sec.
INNOVA ACCTG	Inv 1138	Gen Admin. Acctg	69.00	1st Sec
C&C Exc-BOR	Pay App 18	Final-Phase IIA	190,190.11	Stock
MT Dept of Rev	1% Tax 18	PH II A Final BOR	1,921.11	Stock
Hydro Resources	Pay App #9	Wells 4 & 5 BOR	383,032.98	Stock
MT Dept of Rev	1% Tax 9	Wells 4&5 BOR	3,869.02	Stock
Sage Grouse Stewd	Permit	PH IV BOR	52,670.46	Stock
Big Horn Public	Inv 1549	Gen Admin	2,500.00	1st Sec
C&C Excav	Pay App #1	PH IV-Melstone	701,735.70	Stock
MT Dept of Rev	1% Tax 1	PH IV-Melstone	7,088.24	Stock
COP Constr	Pay App 11	PH 2C-SRF	322,770.34	1st Sec
MT Dept of rev	1% Tax 11	PH 2C-SRF	3,260.31	1st Sec
Flying S Title	Title Insur`	Inv 619, 646, 656-PHIV	870.00	Stock
Great West Eng	Inv 34002	PH 4&5 Wate Well-BOR	9,954.40	Stock
Great West Eng	Inv 34004	PH II Design-PH 2B	19,204.20	Stock
Great West Eng	Inv 34024	Wtr Monitoring-Admin	2,646.58	1st Sec
Great West Eng	Inv 34026	Acq & Cult Res Ph III,IIIA	10,184.04	Stock
Great West Eng	Inv 34025	PH II Const. Mgmnt	66,712.37	Stock
Great West Eng	Inv 34020	Design PH III-BOR	30,967.03	Stock
Great West Eng	Inv 34001	PH IV Acq & Cultural	1,456.25	Stock
MT DNRC	ROW Ease	GV County State LD	50.00	Stock
	Total Bills		**1,811,209.50**	

Motion made and seconded to pass the bills. Motion passed.

STATE LANDS BOARD-DNRC – UTILITY ROW

- State lands easement will be needed for Phase 3 as there is approximately 1 mile of state lands to be crossed. GWE will prepare the application and associated documents needed.

O & M REPORT – Sam Klepzig

- BacT testing is all coming back good
- Have installed some new parts in the Springwater PRV Vault
- In December Pipestone will be coming to finalize items in the Phase 2A and Phase 2B vaults.
  NEW STAFF – Zach Tomlinson starting (full time operator)

AUDIT

- Draft audit is finished, there are a couple of items Monty wants to go through with the accountant and auditor. Should have the final audit available at the next meeting.

COST PROPOSAL-BACK-UP BATTERIES

- Looking to add additional backup batteries first at the Judith Gap Tank vault and then expanding that to the other vaults that have been installed. This will allow SCADA info to get transmitted for over 24 hours in the event of a power outage and will help keep the system up and running. Project funds to be used for Phase 2 items, Phase 1 out of operating funds.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT-Chuck Denowh

PHASE I – TO HARLOWTON-STATUS

- Warranty walk through completed in October
- Have 9 rural services hooked up

PHASE II-TO ROUNDUP-STATUS

- Phase 2A – complete, punchlist will be completed in the spring, reconciliation change order will be forthcoming
- Phase 2B – substantial completion has been awarded, all testing on the lines is complete, BacTs all good
- **PH 2C-LIQUADATED DAMAGES**
  - The vaults are not yet delivered or installed (Golf Course and Roundup)
  - Contract is scheduled to end 11/24/24
  - LDs to be considered, operations, cost of loans need to be covered while waiting on revenue from Roundup.
  - Josh with COP Construction
    - Notes that issues with Pipestone have arisen on both Phase 2B and Phase 2C in terms of delivery times
    - Commented that they have been clear with Pipestone on deadlines
    - COP had approved submittals to them in July, and feel that they have done their due diligence.
    - Pipestone is not meeting their own deadlines.
    - Olive Tank should be completed this week.
    - Golf course – vault finished in CO yesterday and is scheduled to arrive on 11/25.

        - Roundup Tank vault – should be onsite on 12/6.
        - Planning to have water to Roundup by 12/25
    - Board makes a motion and passes it to extend the substantial completion deadline to 12/24 and not assess any LDs at this time.

PH III TO BROADVIEW-STATUS

GEOTECH – working to get scheduled soon

PHIII A-TO SAHWMUT/DEADMAN'S BASIN-STATUS

PHASE III B-TO RYEGATE-STATUS

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS

VAULT SUBMITTALS

WELLS 4 & 5 SYSTEM CONNECTION-STATUS

PHASE V TO HOBSON-STATUS

RD – parity approval for Phases 3 and 4 – will need Phase 4 contracts and # of anticipated users in order to work on parity items**.**