

The Town of
Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

FINAL

March 28, 2009

Present: **Boyd Siddoway, Mayor**
Kent Harker, Councilman
George "Al" Redlin, Councilman – By phone
Edwin Koch, Councilman
Carol Warren, Councilman

Call to Order, Roll Call of Councilmen, and Statement of Quorum: A Special Town Council meeting of the **Town of Star Valley Ranch Town Council** was held March 28, 2009 at **Town Hall**. **Mayor Siddoway** called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., and declared the existence of a quorum.

A list of attendees (sign-in sheet) is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office

Recognition: **Mayor Siddoway** recognized Engineer Clarence Kemp also two SVRA Directors Jan Jonson and Carl Brown. Pat Aullman, Field Representative for Wyoming's Congress Woman, Cynthia Lummis.

Pledge of Allegiance: After welcoming everyone **Mayor Siddoway** lead the recitation of ***The Pledge of Allegiance***.

Adopt the Agenda:

Councilman Harker made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilman Warren seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Siddoway provided a Stimulus Update. On March 31st there will be a meeting in Cheyenne that we were told as a Town we do not need to be there as it is the last meeting to accept applications. There is another meeting on May 12th where the State will make their recommendations to the SLIB board. They have approximately 40 million dollars available and ½ of that will be designated to clean water or wastewater and the other ½ will go to drinking water fund which is what the town is applying for. SLIB has received requests for over 400 million dollars in projects. **Mayor Siddoway** explained that he was proud of the Wyoming State Senators for voting against it as he had very strong personal feeling against it. After all the meetings he has been to discussing this matter he has found if you believe in it or not we are all going to be paying for it. Would the Town rather be making those payments for projects that are going on in California or New York or would the Town rather be making those payments for projects that will help our Town. This is the reason as Mayor of this Town we are requesting funds.

The application was completed and filed yesterday by the deadline but it can be pulled if the council today decides it is not in the Town's best interest.

The Town is applying for two different packages. The first package is a \$1,607,600.00 request and it would be used to put meters at every house and to upgrade the ones that are currently installed if need be. The second package is a request of \$2,961,200.00 for our distribution lines.

Clarence Kemp explained that this is an economic stimulus and the government wants the money to go to projects that are shovel-ready. If the state does not have the money committed by Dec 31, 2009 the stimulus money would revert back into the big pool and become available to other states.

When it was looked at as how to prioritize these projects, historically it was based on importance, but this time it was done by shovel-ready first and importance went to number four. Most money came through the normal federal programs and they did not waive any requirements. If the project has the environmental work done or the Town can get a categorical exclusion (Have no adverse impact) the project could be moved to the top of list as it would not have to go through the 3-6 month review. Our Town projects are both considered categorical exclusion. They are also looking for green projects and want all projects to state their case as to why their projects are green. Meter projects in the past have been considered green.

Council felt the same as the Mayor and agreed to apply for the money. **Councilman Warren** wanted to express thanks to **Clarence Kemp** for his hard work in assisting us with the application process.

Jan Jonson asked if there would be any charge to residents to have these meters installed. Mayor Siddoway explained that there would be no charge to the residents the Town would be covering all costs.

Joe Angelovic commented that he agreed with putting the project into two separate parts to better the chances and that there should be no problem making it green. He also asked how many of the known leaks would be fixed with putting in the new pipes. **Clarence Kemp** answered about 80% or more. **Mayor Siddoway** explained that several of the leaks that were found were on the residents' side of the meter.

Carl Brown asked if the Town had a choice as to the terms of the money. **Clarence Kemp** replied that they spoke with SLIB & DEQ what they thought they would accept. State Revolving Fund loans go no more than 20 years and can be paid off before to the 20 years without penalty. **Carl Brown** asked if we could ask for 30 years rather than 20 years particularly on the meter project as it would make a smaller increase now and maybe we should try to control the increase. Clarence Kemp replied that the State Revolving Fund loans cannot go more than 20 years and that is where the Stimulus money is being funded through. Clarence will check into our loan side and if it makes sense for our ratepayers.

A question was asked if these meters would be installed by the Town crew or contracted out. **Clarence Kemp** replied that it would be contracted out.

John Daulton asked if there were a required number of jobs the stimulus is creating and must hire. **Clarence Kemp** replied that he is not certain about the government requirements with this.

Joe Angelovic asked is there a concern that a contractor would not be found to complete the project in time. **Clarence Kemp** replied that he did not feel there would be an issue.

The Town of

Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming

Resolution No. 09-03-28-001

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE LOAN AND INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A LOAN THROUGH THE STATE REVOLVING FUND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming FOR THE PURPOSE OF Replacement of Deteriorated Steel Distribution Piping

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming desires to participate in the STATE REVOLVING FUND program to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming recognizes the need for the project; and

WHEREAS, the STATE REVOLVING FUND program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the State Loan and Investment Board's Rules and Regulations governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming plans to repay the requested STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN from the following source(s):

WATER USER RATES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming that a loan application in the amount of **\$2,961,200** be submitted to the State Loan and Investment Board for consideration at the State Loan and Investment Board meeting to assist in funding the **Town of Star Valley Ranch Deteriorated Steel Distribution Piping Replacement Project.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Mayor Boyd Siddoway and Clarence Kemp** are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the **Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming** to act on behalf of the Governing Body on all matters relating to this loan application.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of March, 2009.

For the Town of Star Valley Ranch:

By: _____
Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Brenda Bauer, Clerk

Councilman Harker moved the Town of Star Valley Ranch approve Resolution 09-03-28-001 to authorize submission of an application to State Land and Investment Board through the State revolving fund for the purpose of Replacement of Deteriorated Steel Distribution Piping. Councilman Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Town of

Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming

Resolution No. 09-03-28-002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE LOAN AND INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A LOAN THROUGH THE STATE REVOLVING FUND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE **Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming** FOR THE PURPOSE OF **Installation of Domestic Water Meters.**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the **Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming** desires to participate in the STATE REVOLVING FUND program to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the **Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming** recognizes the need for the project; and

WHEREAS, the STATE REVOLVING FUND program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the State Loan and Investment Board's Rules and Regulations governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming plans to repay the requested STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN from the following source(s):

WATER USER RATES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming that a loan application in the amount of **\$1,607,600** be submitted to the State Loan and Investment Board for consideration at the State Loan and Investment Board meeting to assist in funding the **Town of Star Valley Ranch Domestic Water Meter Project.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Mayor Boyd Siddoway and Clarence Kemp** are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the **Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming** to act on behalf of the Governing Body on all matters relating to this loan application.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of March, 2009.

For the Town of Star Valley Ranch:

By: _____
Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Brenda Bauer, Clerk

Councilman Redlin moved the Town of Star Valley Ranch approve Resolution 09-03-28-002 to authorize submission of an application to State Land and Investment Board through the State revolving fund for the purpose of Installation of Domestic Water Meters. Councilman Harker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Councilman Koch moved that The Town of Star Valley Ranch adjourn the meeting. Councilman Warren seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.