

The Town of  
*Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming*

**Special Town Meeting**

**FINAL**

**September 29, 2008**

Present: **Boyd Siddoway, Mayor**  
**Kent Harker, Councilman**  
**George "Al" Redlin, Councilman**  
**Jim Wheeler, Councilman**  
**Carol Warren, Councilman**  
**Gregg Wilkes, Town Administrator**

*A Special Town Meeting to comply with the Wyoming Water Development Commission's Level III Grant Application Requirements for the Construction of the Town of Star Valley Ranch's improvements and additions to our source water, storage and transmission lines that are associated with our culinary water system was held September 29, 2008 at **Town Hall**. **Mayor Siddoway** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.,*

*A list of attendees (sign-in sheet) is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office (15 signed in)*

Mayor Siddoway recognized three (3) members of the Planning & Zoning Board: Gary Braun, Robert Palmquist and Ron Thacker as well as SVRA Board Member Paul Weber.

The Town was under the impression that the grant was due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and the Town just found out it is due on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A resolution needed to be passed prior to the due date on the application to make it complete.

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

Since the formation of the Town fixing the water system has been a top priority. That means everything that is culinary water.

The Association has the Green Canyon Spring, Green Canyon Tank and the Cedar Creek Well and the irrigation pipes that do the irrigation.

What the Town is working on is everything else, Prater Canyon Spring, Prater Canyon Tank, Airport Well #1 and all the distribution systems that go with that, the entire project was estimated last week to cost a little over \$17,000,000.00.

The WWDC does not support distribution lines, all they support are water sources, water storage and transmission lines. The difference between a transmission line and a distribution line is that a transmission line is from a well or a spring to a tank or storage facility or from a storage tank to the point where you start to distribute water. A distribution line has a tap on it. Out of the \$17,000,000.00 estimate, just under \$5,500,000.00 is applicable to wells, storage tanks and to transmission lines. That is the application we have to have in the mail tomorrow by noon.

Mayor Siddoway covered the proposed water system. Before new water lines can be dug the Town has to have a water source and water storage to make this happen. This is what we are going to apply for with the WWDC.

The WWDC guidelines are the well has to be dug and ready for service when we apply. A lot of time has been spent by Terry Wilson and he has great contacts at the WWDC. Mayor Siddoway and Terry Wilson met with the director and our representative last Monday and discussed this issue. They have agreed to allow us to put the application in before the well has been started.

The 1.5 to 2 acre parcel where the Prater Canyon Tank is has enough space to put a 400,000-gallon tank. It is one of the highest points in the Town and will allow us to get the volume and the pressure to anywhere in our Town. A monitoring system will be installed on the tank to monitor the system. At the present time the only way we can fill Prater tank is to have the water run out of Prater Canyon into that tank. The transmission line from Green Canyon to Prater tank is a way to get additional water up there. Right now we only have a 4 inch line and that will not work as the Town can consume the water faster than it could fill. The Town does not own Green Canyon Springs and we have to assume it goes away. When it goes away it is the only thing other than Prater Springs that is filling the tank. The town would like to be able to pump water up to those tanks if needed.

A project is in the works to redevelop Prater Springs as 99.9% of the time when you redevelop a spring you get more water. It currently runs at 200 gallons a minute in the spring. It would be nice to almost triple that amount.

The Muddy String 8 inch transmission line is from the front entrance where the flag is all the way up to plats 20 & 22. The reason we will be doing this is to create a loop system.

Green Canyon 12 inch transmission line is to get the water out of Green Canyon and into the service area at the lower level. This is a duplicate to the WBC Front Entrance Grant that was applied for. The Town needs to include this with the Legislative Grant as a backup measure.

A lot of discussion has taken place regarding the 400,000 gallons from the Green Canyon tank.

The Town is asking the WWDC to sign up for approximately \$3.6 million and the Town will obligate itself to \$1.8 million in loans to match our side.

The water rates for the next three years will be incrementally increased to a point to meet our obligations. In a 12 month time period the Town will be going to SLIB for a portion of what we need.

**Gary Braun** asked why Green Canyon says year two. **Mayor Siddoway** replied that we would like to have it done at the end of this year and it will just be crossed off.

**Paul Weber** asked as far as building the 400,000 tanks what safeguards for rupture or earthquakes are being considered. **Mayor Siddoway** replied that the tanks are being built as concrete in-ground tanks.

**Gary Braun** asked about the condition of the tanks. **Mayor Siddoway** explained that this spring the Town had scuba divers clean and inspect them.

**Paul Weber** asked if the Town is planning to stay with flat rate water. **Mayor Siddoway** answered; no we are not we will have meters. We currently do not everyone with a meter and will aggressively work on putting them in. The Town hopes to have them in within three years.

**Clyde Cazier** asked about the annexation of the additional properties and what the plans are to accommodate another 400 homes. **Mayor Siddoway** replied that this current council has taken a position of no annexation of any property where there are people living unless they have more water than they need, their roads done, the sewer or septic done and all the infrastructure will be done to a minimum of county standards and they would have to bring something positive to the Town.

**Paul Weber** asked about the people leaving and having water turned off. **Mayor Siddoway** explained there will be a minimum even when we get meters.

The application package was reviewed and two changes pointed out.

The Town of

# *Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming*

**Resolution No. 08-09-29-001**

**RESOLUTION for the Town of Star Valley Ranch** to apply for a Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) Level III Grant for the addition of new water sources (wells), storage tanks, transmission lines and associated system requirements to our current culinary system.

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** has a desire to provide its citizens with a sufficient supply of good, clean drinking water through the addition of wells and storage tanks, and

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** understands that this application is for only part of a larger, more encompassing plan for the upgrade, improvement and expansion of our culinary water system, and

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** plans to apply for additional grants for assistance with the upgrades and improvements to our water distribution system, and

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** is committed to an aggressive plan to complete the installation of water meters at every connection, for a billing system based on water usage and the inherent water conservation benefits, and

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** understands and accepts the impacts associated with this project, and

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** has seen and approves the recommended requests of the WWDC Grant application, and

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** is prepared to meet the appropriate match requirements of the WWDC Grant application either through existing funds and/or loans, and

**WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch** formally supports this project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Star Valley Ranch** does hereby authorize Mayor Siddoway to sign and commit the Town's resources in a binding contract for this project,

Passed and adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

For the Town of Star Valley Ranch:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Brenda Bauer, Clerk

**Councilman Harker made a motion to pass Resolution No 08-09-29-001 to apply for a Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) Level III Grant for the addition of new water sources (wells), storage tanks, transmission lines and associated system requirements to our current culinary system. Councilman Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously**