

FAIRGROUNDS SEWER/WATER COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2014

I. Call to Order

Gene Meier called the meeting to order

II. Roll Call

Attendees:

Vivian Shammel, Commissioner Assistant

Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner

Kevin Myhre, City Manager

Tom Meissner, County Attorney

Mark Machler, Land Owner

Kathie Baily, Snowy Mountain Development

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Kevin Myhre made a motion to accept the January 22, 2014 meeting minutes with a correction to Peccia on the second page. Motion passed.

IV. Open Issues:

- a. Mill Levy time Schedule: Discussion was opened and Tom Meissner reviewed the process for this to go to the voters as a Mill Levy. Tom Meissner indicated that the resolution would have to be very specific. Tom handed out a summary proposal schedule for the Mill Levy (attached here for reference). The schedule calls for the Mill Levy to be published in the newspaper on May 10, 17, and 24th. Fairboard did make a recommendation in April of 2013 for this to go to a Mill Levy project. Kevin Myhre indicated that having Brad Koenig from Robert Peccia and Associates would help with any public hearings that we have and that it would be good if it was on the Commissioners Meeting Agenda for the next two meetings. Which are February 19, 2014 and February 25, 2014. March 10, 2014 the Commissioners could have the Resolution on the Agenda for an action item. Gene Meier indicated that the Weeden meeting had not occurred yet and that he was still trying to get a hold of Mr. Weeden to discuss dollars for crossing his land to connect to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was more discussion on how Mr. Weeden would like the lines to go and where the lift station would be located. Brad from Robert Peccia and Associates was talking about putting the lift station at the southeast corner of the fairgrounds. This is an obstacle that would have to be worked out. The customary easements can be 0-unknown dollars, but they are usually based on the value of the easement and imminent domain could come into play and then you would take the value of the appraised land not the top dollar for the land. The reality is that Mr. Weeden's land will increase in value with the pipe goes through his property. Tom Meissner indicated that he would draft the resolution and get the exact dollars and value of homes from the Department of Revenue office and/or Dolores Sramek and work with Brad Koenig with Robert Peccia and Associates. TSEP monies will only cover monies that involve connecting residents. There are only 10 residential property owners that would be included in this project. Target sewer rates with the City of Lewistown are being clarified with Brad Koenig. Readjusted target rates combined with sewer and water are around \$65.00.
- b. There was a copy of a letter passed out from Robert Peccia and Associates; it is a draft letter that will go out to the home owners that would be connected to the new sewer line. The letter was approved by the committee to go out to the home owners.
- c. Public Awareness press release we should have this once the exact dollars are correct.
- d. Getting the public to the Commissioners Meeting on February 19, 2014 and February 25, 2014, Vivian will coordinate with Brad Koenig a presentation and being available for these meetings. We should send out a

letter to the Chamber of Commerce Membership inviting them to the meeting. Vivian will draft the letter and have Tom Meissner approve the letter, before it goes out. Vivian will get a mailing list from the Fairgrounds staff on users of the grounds so that a letter can go out to these groups as well.

- e. Intercap loan was discussed and it was indicated that this was a better option from Kathie Baily and Kevin Myhre. This is also a variable rate loan. All monies can go toward the loan rather than letting it sit in a kitty. This is a 15 year loan max.

V. Old Business:

VI. New Business

VII. Public Participation:

VIII. Summary:

IX. Adjournment: Gene Meier adjourned the meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Date”

February 19, 2014 at 2:00PM at the County Attorney’s Board Room.