

**REPORT TO THE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Carbon Building- Courthouse Annex,  
215 W. Buffalo Street, Second Floor, Rawlins, WY**

A regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Monday, July 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carbon Building-Courthouse Annex in Rawlins, WY. Attending the meeting were Chairman, Sue Jones, Commissioners John Johnson, John Espy and Byron Barkhurst. Vice Chairman Travis Moore was absent.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS**

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the consent agenda noting any item could be removed for separate action. Clerk Bartlett noted the consent agenda includes the July 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes; bonds for Jana Cook, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Riverside, in the amount of \$50,000.00 and Darrin H. Jennings, Superintendent for Carbon County School District #2, in the amount of \$50,000.00; and monthly receipts for the Clerk of District Court in the amount of \$3,274.00 and Carbon County Clerk, in the amount of \$20,350.50. Commissioner Barkhurst seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing – Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Budget**

Chairman Jones opened a public hearing at 9:02 a.m. to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget and to hear the Carbon County 2009 Specific Purpose Tax Joint Powers Board FY24 budget. County Clerk, Gwynn Bartlett reported this hearing and a summary of the proposed budget was advertised in the county's official publication June 29, 2023.

Clerk Bartlett overviewed the county's budget noting the balanced budgets begins with \$4,044,323.29 estimated cash plus estimated revenue of \$21,597,685.55, less estimated property taxes and ad valorem tax of \$9,942,745.00 and expenses of \$27,017,564.26 leaving a levy requirement of \$11,318,300.42. The value used was \$943,191,702 and 12 mills total the levy requirement.

Lindsey West, Carbon County Specific Purpose Tax Joint Powers Board Treasurer presented the Fiscal Year 2024 budget explaining that they do not levy. Funds come from bond proceeds of two issuances which are paid with a 6<sup>th</sup> penny sales & use tax and should those collections not be

enough for payments the board has reserves held with U.S. Bank. This board's budget was approved at its June 28 meeting.

Commissioner Johnson asked how collections for the tax are going and Ms. West reported the tax is 35% collected for the total ballot amount, which is ahead of schedule. Chairman Jones called for public comment and there being none, she closed the hearing at 9:08 a.m.

Commissioner Barkhurst moved to adopt Resolution 2023 - 26 A Resolution to Provide Income Necessary to Finance the Budget and Appropriating Funds Through a 12.000 Mill Levy. Commissioner Espy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 26**  
**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE INCOME NECESSARY TO FINANCE THE BUDGET**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THORUGH A 12.000 MILL LEVY**

**WHEREAS**, on or before the 15th day of May 2023, the budget making authority, prepared and submitted to the Board a proposed county budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, such a budget was duly entered upon the records of this Board and a copy thereof was made available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing on such budget, together with the summary of said budget, was published in the Saratoga Sun on June 29, 2023, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on such budget at the time and place specified in said notice, at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, following such public hearing if certain alterations and revisions were made in such proposed budget, all will more fully appear in the minutes of this Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners that the county budget, as so revised and altered, be adopted as the official county budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and that the expenditures of each officer, department, fund or spending agency be limited to the amount herein appropriated unless amended:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Grants	341	<u>\$ 3,146,187.99</u>
County Commissioners	410	<u>\$ 267,765.00</u>
County Clerk	420	<u>\$ 446,074.00</u>
County Boards	425	<u>\$ 7,800.00</u>
County Treasurer	430	<u>\$ 335,051.84</u>
County Assessor	440	<u>\$ 359,448.56</u>
County Sheriff	450	<u>\$ 2,450,885.82</u>
County Attorney	460	<u>\$ 1,046,050.00</u>
Buildings & Grounds Administration	470	<u>\$ 548,832.50</u>
Buildings & Grounds Utilities	471	<u>\$ 549,350.00</u>
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	472	<u>\$ 567,747.00</u>

Dixon Airport	473	\$ 79,580.00
County Coroner	480	\$ 182,015.00
Extension Office	490	\$ 83,241.00
Clerk of District Court	500	\$ 295,319.70
Information Technology	510	\$ 978,301.08
Jail	522	\$ 2,029,791.06
Radio Tech	523	\$ 110,000.00
Road and Bridge	530	\$ 1,916,820.80
Elections	550	\$ 32,495.50
Public Health	560	\$ 279,199.23
Mental Health	563	\$ 88,950.00
Administration	570	\$ 5,946,268.72
Lease/Bonds	571	\$ 1,885,685.04
Planning / GIS	580	\$ 204,877.53
Fire Protection	581	\$ 429,288.95
Emergency Management	582	\$ 12,750.00
Outside Agencies	584	\$ 1,279,747.00
Cash Reserve Fund	595	\$ 1,458,040.94
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 27,017,564.26</b>

<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>Fund #</u></b>	
Jail Commissary	105	\$ 183,741.59
Soberlink / House Arrest Monitor	106	\$ 68,002.50
MHCC Maintenance	107	\$ 150,000.00
Opioid	108	\$ 297,321.02
Special Projects	111	\$ 155,878.96
Chokecherry Impact Assistance	113	\$ 826,837.45
SCRF Road Fund	115	\$ 4,332,831.97
Jail Operations & Maintenance	118	\$ 789,960.47
Dixon Airport Fuel Sales	119	\$ 201,931.94
Public Health Vaccines	121	\$ 30,384.01
Public Health Reproductive Health	122	\$ 4,367.23
Public Health Donations	123	\$ 7,035.80
Ryan White	126	\$ 117,869.40
Emergency Management Donations	127	\$ 515.97
Fire Donations	128	\$ 7,008.83
Sheriff Donations	129	\$ 2,603.23
American Rescue Plan	131	\$ 1,627,644.53
Seizure & Sales	132	\$ 4,411.50
C4 Emergency Activations	133	\$ 19,775.15
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency	134	\$ 9,020,529.39
WY Health Fairs (Public Health)	136	\$ 30,000.00
Abandoned Vehicle	150	\$ 20,545.00
Care Fair	152	\$ 4,321.63
Election Equipment Replacement	155	\$ 63,797.95
Operating Reserve	170	\$ 1,131,742.21

County Vehicle/Equipment Reserve	172	\$ 375,123.75
County Building Reserve	173	\$ 690,899.92
Specific Purpose Tax Project Exp	195	\$ 3,617,799.45
Breast Pump	200	\$ 3,671.40
Sex Offender	210	\$ 2,775.22
E911 Surcharge	218	\$ 495,374.11
Self-Funded Insurance	230	\$ 4,658,961.25
Forest Reserve SRS	281	\$ 62,097.99
Drug Seizure	282	\$ 46,678.19
Fire Strike	283	\$ 267,464.56
Sheriff Search & Rescue	284	\$ 20,729.48
Impact Assistance Boswell Springs	300	\$ 481,332.61
Impact Assistance TB Flats	301	\$ 19,341.18
Impact Assistance Ekola Springs	302	\$ 7,234.58
Impact Assistance Gateway West	303	\$ 42,693.18
Impact Assistance Transwest Express	304	\$ 1,189,424.00
Impact Assistance Two Rivers Lucky Star	305	\$ 1,598,690.00
Impact Assistance Gateway South	306	\$ 2,043,876.76
Impact Assistance Rock Creek	307	\$ 721,103.70
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		<u>\$ 35,444,329.06</u>

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS** \$ 62,461,893.32

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that after deducting all other cash and estimated revenue for the General Fund, it is necessary that the following amount be raised by general taxations and in order to raise such sums of money, it is necessary that the following levies be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as shown:

General Fund \$11,318,300.42 12.000 Mills

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS** 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

Board of County Commissioners  
Carbon County, Wyoming  
-s- Sue Jones, Chairman

Attest: -s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk  
Commissioner Johnson and to authorize the Chairman's signature on the final budget summary and Contract for Services Agreement between the Board of Carbon County Commissioners and the Old Pen Joint Powers Board in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Carbon County Museum Board in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Carbon County Library Board in an amount not to exceed \$374,020.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Carbon County Fair Board in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Carbon County Senior Services in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services in an amount not to exceed

\$45,730.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Carbon County Economic Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and Rawlins Carbon County Airport Board in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for their annual funding. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Barkhurst moved to approve July 2023 payroll and benefit expenses of \$1,071,797.13 and insurance claim and premium expenses of \$341,331.44, the report of expenditures in the amount of \$493,615.26 for an aggregate total today of \$1,906,743.83. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vendor	Detail Line Description	Total
Advanced Network Management, Inc.	Network Security Infrastructure	\$12,265.79
APG Media of the Rockies	Misc. Ads	\$878.04
AT&T Mobility	CCSO MDT Service	\$1,127.54
Axis Forensic Toxicology, Inc.	Drug & Alcohol Screenings	\$484.00
Baggs, Town of	Water Services	\$440.08
Bank of Montreal - Mastercard	Misc. Charges	\$61,872.82
Bartlett Oilfield Service, Inc.	Contract Blading CR 100	\$8,725.90
BI Inc.	Monthly Elect. Monitoring Srvc	\$1,469.00
Blakeman Propane	Propane Services	\$881.82
Bob Barker Company, Inc.	Jail Mattresses	\$835.60
Bomgaars Supply	Couplings	\$79.97
Boys & Girls Clubs of Carbon County	2nd Qtr. 2023 TANF	\$826.51
Capital Business Systems Inc.	It Copier Usage	\$2,434.27
Carbon County Fair Board	Monthly Outside Agency Pymt	\$2,833.33
Carbon County Library	Monthly Outside Agency Pymt	\$31,170.16
Carbon County Museum	Monthly Outside Agency Pymt	\$20,833.33
Carbon County Senior Services	Monthly Outside Agency Pymt	\$19,583.33
CIDNET	Jail Data	\$300.00
Corthell And King, P.C.	Legal Services	\$1,322.00
Cowboy Supply House	Misc. Cleaning Supplies	\$751.48
DBT Transportation Services LLC	Dixon Airport NAVID/AWOS	\$1,735.75
Dirty Boyz Sanitation, Inc.	Carbon Building Trash Services	\$1,646.00
Dynamic Controls Inc	Boiler Service	\$1,360.00
Elevated Safety Solutions	Pre-Employment Drug Tests	\$216.00
Encampment, Town of	R&B Water Services	\$102.00
Engineering Associates	Cr 203 Chip Seal Project	\$2,133.25
Engstrom, James D. DDS	Jail Dental Services	\$2,500.00
Extreme Truck Outfitters	Topper Installation-Coroner	\$6,125.00
F & S Trucking, Inc.	Water For Mag Chloride	\$7,007.00

Fatbeam LLC	Fiber & Internet	\$5,170.00
Galls/Quartermaster	Sheriff Uniforms & Equip.	\$28,192.00
Grainger	Grease Trap Treatment	\$114.95
Greater Wy Big Bros/Sisters	2nd Qtr. TANF & Prev. Srvc.	\$13,195.03
Greenwood Mapping, Inc	Parcel Mapping June 2023	\$1,743.75
Guardian Alliance Technologies	Applicant Prescreening	\$430.00
Gulbrandson, Kimberly A.	Mileage	\$8.80
Hanna, Town of	Water Services	\$279.64
Harris Govern Ft. Collins User Group Inc.	User Group Dues	\$150.00
Herman, Bobbie	Mileage	\$49.50
HTO Chemical Company LLC	System Cleaner/De-Scaler	\$126.19
Iacovetto, Karon	Carbon Bldg. Janitorial Srvc.	\$8,230.00
Iron J Towing	Aband. Vehicle Tow Charges	\$230.00
Johnson Auto Plaza of Laramie	2022 Ram 2500 Tradesman	\$63,583.00
K2 Towers III, LLC	Tower Rent	\$2,251.02
Kaisler, Todd	Mileage	\$99.00
Kilburn Tire Company	Repair, Balance & Align Tires	\$254.76
KTGA/KBDY	Tower Rent	\$150.00
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	Subpoena Service	\$40.00
Local Government Liability Pool	FY 24 Membership Renewal	\$500.00
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc.	WY Court Rules 2023	\$2,709.69
Medicine Bow, Town of	Water Services	\$218.65
Merseal Law, LLC	Legal Services	\$4,100.00
MPM Corp / Evergreen Disposal	Trash Services	\$130.00
Napa – Saratoga	Misc. Supplies	\$278.00
Nelson, A Russell PhD	Forensic Anthro. Analysis	\$350.00
Norco, Inc.	Cylinder Rent	\$844.20
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Misc. Parts	\$44.24
Olde Trading Post	Fuel & Parade Candy	\$278.03
Perkins Oil Co	Fire Fuel	\$2,148.91
Quill Corporation	Misc. Office Supplies	\$139.15
R.P Lumber Company, Inc.	Misc. Parts	\$83.68
Rawlins Automotive	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$1,964.86
Rawlins Hardware - 5405	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$4.99
Rawlins Hardware - 5410	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$303.62
Rawlins, City of	Ice Slicer	\$684.80
Ready, Justin	Mileage	\$88.00
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc	Alcohol/Saliva/Urine Tests	\$693.95
Republic Services #642	Trash Services	\$311.44
Reyes, Joseph	Soberlink Refund	\$820.00
Rice-Prior, Denise	Inmate Mental Health Services	\$900.00

Rocky Mountain Power	Electric Services	\$18,555.10
Rocky's Quik Stop	Baggs Fuel	\$3,513.34
Shively Hardware	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$161.20
Sikes, Melisa	Office Supplies Reimbursement	\$12.82
Smith, Lisa	Commissioner Meeting Meals	\$74.22
Spaulding, Dawnnette	Mileage	\$203.71
Specialized Pathology Consultants	Autopsy Services	\$1,560.00
Staples Advantage	Misc. Office Supplies	\$256.30
State of Wyoming A & I	State Mainframe Access	\$16.85
Stinker Stores Inc	Fuel	\$18,348.81
Summit Food Service	Jail Meals	\$7,861.80
Swanson Services Corporation	Jail Commissary	\$868.21
Team Lab	300 Bags Cold Patch	\$6,473.00
Tin Boy Garage	Large Tire Repair	\$25.00
Tonkovich, Andrea	Mileage/Meals	\$252.69
Transunion Risk & Alternative Data	Tru-lookup Program	\$175.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc	Web Hosting Internet	\$275.63
US Bank	Misc. Charges	\$3,532.10
Valence Health Corp	Inmate Medical Services	\$6,500.00
Valley Oil Company	Fuel	\$2,687.21
Voiance Language Services LLC	Interpreter Services	\$21.00
Volunteers of America	Crisis Center Funding	\$50,000.00
Webster, Matthew S.	Mileage	\$68.20
Wex Bank	Fuel & Late Fee	\$407.51
Witmer Public Safety Group Inc.	Extrication Suits	\$864.57
WLC Engineering	Cherokee Road -Survey	\$3,039.63
WY Dept of Transportation	New Plate & Transfer	\$7.00
WY Machinery Company	1000 Hour Maintenance Service	\$895.85
WY Retirement System	June Vol Fire Retirement	\$731.25
Wyoming Cleaning & Solutions LLC	Courthouse Janitorial Services	\$6,583.33
Wyoming State Forestry Division	Emerg. Fire Suppression Prem.	\$23,805.11
Zumbrennen Electric Inc.	Misc. Electrical Repairs	\$2,005.00

## ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

### Sheriff

Alex Bakken, Carbon County Sheriff, requested and received authorization to transfer the 2006 F-150 VIN#1FTPX14V86KD28611 to the Carbon County IT Department. This unit has approximately 222,000 miles.

Sheriff Bakken presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Hanna for board approval and Chairman's signature. The MOU includes a minimum of 60 hours per month within

city limits at the discretion of the Sheriff noting he will track this through the existing Spillman software. He hopes to present this at a future meeting for action.

### **Attorney**

Deputy Attorney Ashley Davis presented a Road Use Agreement for PacifiCorp (dba Rocky Mountain Power for the Gateway West Segment D.1 Transmission Line Project for board approval and Chairman's signature.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Road Use Agreement between Carbon County and PacifiCorp (dba Rocky Mountain Power for the Gateway West Segment D.1 Transmission Line Project. Commissioner Barkhurst seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Davis presented an amendment to the Road Use Agreement with Innergex for board approval and Chairman's signature. The amendment removes the use of 11.5 miles along County Road 121 and reduces the bond accordingly.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the Amended Road Use Agreement with Innergex for the Last Mile Transmission Line Project. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Davis on behalf of Kandis Fritz, discussed that a 60-inch Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) culvert that is showing signs of failure has been identified to be within the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Right-of-Way (ROW). The culvert is thought to have been installed with the construction of the County Road (CR) 297 bridge project and was designed to route water flows underneath the north side of the CR 297 bridge. The culvert is observed to be showing signs of buckling and has the potential to collapse and needs to be filled. There is a company on site currently that can do the work at no cost to the county but UPRR needs to approve the work as the county's road goes over the railroad tracks. A collapse of this culvert could negatively impact the overtopping bridge structure. Kandis Fritz has received verbal permission from UPRR, but Brierley and Associates would like to have a signed letter so Attorney Davis sent a letter to UPRR regarding this and is awaiting their written approval for this repair.

### **Planning and Development**

Sarah Brugger, Carbon County Planning and Development Director reported that she had received eight total applications for the Carbon County Land Use Plan Update Steering Committee. Applications were received from Jenita Calton, Richard Wilson, Marcell Astle, Cristiano Miranda, Penny Walters, Doug Boyd, Kay Lynn Palm and Leslie Jefferson. Cristiano Miranda requested to be allowed all remote participation.

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Jenita Calton, Richard Wilson, Marcell Astle, Doug Boyd, Leslie Jefferson, Kay Lynn Palm and Penny Walters to the Carbon County Land Use Plan Update Steering Committee. Commissioner Espy seconded and Chairman Jones noted she would

have hoped for a Little Snake River Valley applicant however there were none. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bruggar reported Joan McGraw resigned from the Planning Commission noting this makes two vacancies. She needs applications from an unincorporated and another from either incorporated or unincorporated.

Commissioner Johnson moved to regretfully accept Joan McGraw's resignation from the Planning Commission and advertise for the vacancy. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bruggar reported the formal appeal period for the digital flood insurance rate map has begun. Formal evidence must be presented to contrast what was proposed on the original map. She has received inquiries about two additional hangars at Dixon Airport. If rented these two would fill all available spaces. Chairman Jones noted in August the annual improvement plan is due and she plans to bring this up with them. She has been in conversations with Rock Creek noting they plan to lay foundations soon and obtain a turbine building permit next year. Transwest Express entities plan to begin construction in May/June 2024.

## IT

Matt Webster, IT Director, discussed taking over the current Coroner vehicle noting in its current configuration it would be useful to his department with the radio and the topper on the back. Clerk Bartlett mentioned Coroner Nyman had considered selling or trading her current vehicle to Sheridan County in exchange for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton that may work for the IT Department for him to use to access mountain top sites. The BOCC authorized the Clerk to transfer the 2008 F-150 VIN # 1FTVX14588KD09034 from the Coroner to the IT Department for use as a pool vehicle when the Coroner has her new vehicle.

## Treasurer

County Treasurer Lindsey West reported she published 462 parcels in the first tax sale publication. July 1, owners with trailers weighing 1,000 pounds or less have an option to pay 5 times the annual fee to have a permanent trailer plate for 2018 model years or older or \$350 for 2019 to current model years.

## Clerk

Gwynn Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk presented the Annual Compensation Agreement for 4-H Educator position at the UW Extension Office as the 4-H Youth Development Programmer. This annual compensation has increased from last year's amount of \$23,856.00 to \$25,053.00 annually.

Commissioner Barkhurst moved to approval the Annual Compensation Agreement for the 4-H Youth Development Programming position in the amount of \$25,053.00, due in October 2023 and January, March, and June 2024 for a term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Commissioners**

Commissioner Espy reported the US Forest Service requested he participate in a collaborative project to take in head waters of the Little Snake. This Thursday he is headed to Austin for the WIR meeting.

## **MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF CARBON COUNTY (MHCC)**

Rex Walk, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Colson, Interim Chief Financial Officer along with Rod Waeckerlin and Gary Goergen both MHCC Trustees provided a monthly update on the status of MHCC including financials dated April 2023 in comparison with April 2022.

Mr. Colson reported the bulk of issues reported in prior financials fell within accounts receivable and cash. There was discussion about Ovation, formerly known as Quorum, the management company that MHCC contracts with. Commissioner Johnson stated his concern for the hospital's financial situation with such a company on board and Mr. Colson stated the former CEO did not utilize the services available to him by Ovation.

Mr. Walk discussed service lines they can add without adding expense but that will add revenue. These include behavioral health, swing beds and more. Mr. Goergen stated he feels like proper progress is being made to improve the hospital as needed.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – CARBON COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSE AND MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT RENEWALS AND NEW MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT**

Chairman Jones opened a public hearing at 11:52 a.m. to hear numerous requests to renew liquor licenses and to hear a new malt beverage permit application for Seminoe Boat Club, Inc.

Clerk Bartlett stated renewal notices were placed in the Saratoga Sun for two consecutive weeks on June 22 and June 29 and notices for Seminoe Boat Club Inc were placed in the Saratoga Sun for two consecutive weeks specifically on June 22 and June 29. She presented the following renewal and new licenses for the Board's consideration. Clerk Bartlett stated that HF Sinclair dba Sinclair Golf Course has chosen not to renew their limited retail liquor license. She also noted her office checks each LLC and corporation on the Secretary of State's website annually to ensure each is in good standing and they check with the Department of Revenue to ensure each is current on sales tax.

Malt Beverage Licenses: Seith Konrath dba Elk Mountain Conoco & Towing; Barbara Faye Wallace dba Ten Mile Inn; Manjeet Inc. dba Three Forks Muddy Gap Service; Robert F. Konrath; dba Walcott Service; Filcrest Enterprises dba Rocky's Quik Stop; and the new Seminoe Boat Club, Inc dba Seminoe Boat Club.

Retail Liquor Licenses: Cody Resources LP dba A Bar A Ranch with a guest ranch designation; Three Forks Lodge LLC dba The Lodge at Three Forks; Whistle Pig Inc. dba Whistle Pig Saloon Beaver Liquor; and Western Hills Campground LLC dba Western Hills Campground.

Resort Liquor License: Old Baldy Corporation dba Old Baldy Club with resort designation and Brush Creek LLC dba Brush Creek Ranch with resort designation,

Restaurant Liquor License: White Lodging Services Corporation dba French Creek Sportsman Club with a guest ranch designation.

Satellite Manufacturer Permit: Wild West Spirits LLC dba Brush Creek Distillery Satellite.

Chairman Jones called for public comments for or against the renewals. There being none, she closed the hearing at 11:57 a.m.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve all liquor license and malt beverage renewals as read in the minutes each for a term of one year expiring August 31, 2024, and the new malt beverage permit for Seminoe Boat Club, Inc. dba Seminoe Boat Club, for a term of one year expiring August 31, 2024. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **RPlus Hydro – Lars Dorr, Program Manager**

Lars Dorr, Program Manager for RPlus Hydro and Kevin Brooks, Development Association with RPlus Hydro presented an update on the Seminoe Pumped Storage project. Mr. Dorr stated he understood a Conditional Use Permit would be required but not for the main project.

RPlus Hydro is a subsidiary of the Gardner Group based out of Salt Lake City formed in 2019 with 14 pumped storage projects. The proposed project site is just to the north and east of the Seminoe Reservoir with 10,800-acre feet at the upper reservoir approximately 1,000 feet higher than the current Seminoe Reservoir impacting approximately 160 acres during construction. They would blade in a new access road from the existing Bennett Mountain Road. The total project cost estimate is \$2.6 billion.

The estimate benefits to Wyoming of 300-500 jobs over a 4–5-year period with 35 full-time permanent jobs long-term for operations. \$60 million in sales tax during construction and \$8-\$9 million annually of location tax revenue.

Since June 2022 they have filed a draft license application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with comments back from various agencies in September 2022 and a phase 1 geotechnical investigation completed. In January 2023 they filed a FAST-41 application and acceptance, and in March various agencies have requested additional studies. As recently as July FERC issued an additional information request noting which of the additional study requests are required.

There will be 29 miles to the Aeolus substation and they are still finalizing their right of way and anticipate approximately 50% to be federal land. Plan B would be to connect to the Transwest Express. There would likely be two 500 kV lines as PacifiCorp requires redundancy with two separate lines whereas Transwest would not require duplicative lines.

Next steps include water quality modeling, sediment resuspension analysis, sound pollution study, recreation impact analysis, fish habitat suitability analysis, FERC NEPA process starting August 2024 and earliest a FERC license February 2026. The project website is <https://www.seminoepumpedstorage.com/>.

Mr. Dorr stated they have a draft plan for access roads to the site.

Mr. Dorr anticipates workers accessing the site from Casper, Rawlins and potentially Cheyenne therefore they anticipate workers accessing through all county roads from these areas and Commissioner Espy noted the road from Rawlins and likely others are not built for industrial traffic and the county is likely going to need the contractor's assistance improving those roads. Mr. Dorr would like to have these discussions with the county early.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Espy moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m. Commissioner Barkhurst seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Baggs Higher Education Center, 360 Whippoorwill Dr, Baggs, WY. The public is invited to attend, or you can listen online at the website listed below. To get on the agenda, call the Clerk's Office by the Thursday before the meeting. Per Wyo. Stat. §18-3-516(f), access to county information can be obtained at [www.carbonwy.com](http://www.carbonwy.com) or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 328-2668 or 1-800-250-9812.