

UEB Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2022

Meeting Time and Location: Began at 4:32 pm. Held remote via Zoom meeting.

Attendance: Jim Kerr, Larry Quinn, Chris Meline, Chris Cope, Jerry Rotz

Staff: Aaron Caplan

Liaison: Not present

Guests: None

1. Amendments to Agenda

None

2. Audience Business

None

3. Approve Minutes from August 3, 2022

Approved Unanimously

4. Upcoming Meetings

a) CAMU Fall meeting October 6-7, 2022

b) MEAN Rates & Charges Ad Hoc Committee Virtual Conference - October 19, 2022

c) MEAN Committee and Board Meeting November 17-18, 2022

5. Updates

a) Board of Trustees, Greg Oetting

Arrived late without presentation

b) Staff, Engineering. Aaron Caplan

Getting Solar RFP out again, since pulled after the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law. Public utilities can now take advantage of the full 30 percent investment tax credit and no longer need to arrange third party financing with for profit organizations to split the tax break. Talked to DOLA on grant about changes. DOLA found out that June 30, 2023 is deadline for spending funds now. Estimate that October 17 BOT meeting to select contractor. Six companies were at pre pre-bid meeting. Hoping to get 100% reimbursement from DOLA by June 30 with potential additional time to spend town share of \$400K.



Just connected Longmont pump station to North pipeline and hope to be completed by mid-October.

c) UEB Chair

Jim gave presentation to BOT which was attached to agenda. Will discuss potential Green Rate at future UEB meeting. May be 5% above base rate regular rate, about 2.5% increase over current cost. All of MEAN 5-year projects are green projects so will anticipate availability.

Jim also proposed some rate studies for the budget purposes. If approved, they would be completed in 2023 for 2024. SFC is also doing rate study under grant, so electric rate study may not be necessary if adequate.

Met with BOT today for training and BOT priorities. Will review BOT priorities at next UEB meeting.

October 10 workshop on Comprehensive Plan.

d) Other UEB Members

None

6. Solar Farm and Battery Storage Status

a) RFP Released July 27, 2022

<https://www.townoflyons.com/DocumentCenter/View/2342/22-ELEC-01-SOLAR-FARM-RFP>

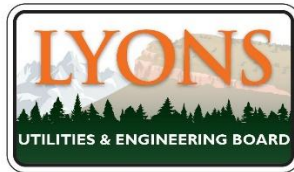
Was pulled and will be reissued soon based on the recent Inflation Reduction Act changes.

7. Growing Water Smart from Sept 12-14 meeting

YMCA 3-day workshop. 5 municipalities participated.

Purpose was geared to municipal water resiliency. Main tool for growing municipalities is to modify planning process to build tools in land use codes on water conservation measures. Reviewed water rights, constraints etc for Lyons.

Final result was action plan. Work Plan is available to participants.



Aaron will present to BOT. He has asked for clarity from Longmont how much they have been using of Lyons 1892 decree, although only in priority a short time every summer.

8. Water Rights - Cash In Lieu Discussion

Aaron has prepared a summary. This stems from developers requesting cash in lieu instead of new water shares. Other larger municipalities like Longmont have such policies. BOT has option to allow someone to forego water rights dedication.

On CBT shares, town has 15 shares that can be used for other projects. Affordable housing can use Lake Macintosh shares. Longmont uses \$48K for acre foot compared to \$60K for CBT shares. If we ask \$50K per share, \$300K could build up water fund for 6 shares leaving 7 shares. Bond will be required in 2024. Selling Apple Valley tank property was \$50K, and looking at selling old WTP site.

Lyons can only sell shares on open market if declared surplus. Town can accept cash but do not want to declare a surplus. Some believe that town should charge their full worth of \$60K per share. Price may now be \$65K on market plus transaction cost.

Or perhaps Lyons could use Longmont cash in lieu program.

BOT will be working with Water Conservancy District on various issues, and Aaron can give them same type of primer.

Developers adjacent to Summit, last 8 lots on McConnell, all will have roads and utilities when Summit completed. Some have road and utilities already.

May want to use market rate with % discount instead of fixed price of today.

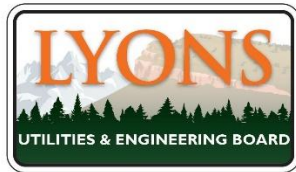
A motion was made and seconded to recommend the BOT approve cash in lieu for up to 8 CBT shares at \$60k each. Upon further discussion it was not clear if \$60k adequately valued the shares and that the town did not need to rush into a cash in Lieu program. Motion was withdrawn. Further discussion is required.

9. Financials

Deferred.

10. SFC Consultant For Renewable Energy & Electric Rate Structure RFP

a) Grant funded to be completed by end of year.



Deferred

11. Comprehensive Plan Update Recommended Changes

Deferred

Meeting ended: 6:00 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Larry Quinn