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Friday, April 5, 2013

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in a special session on Friday, April 5, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Perkin's Restaurant, 800 North Overland Ave., Burley, Idaho for the purpose of visiting with AMG National Trust Bank representatives and Walker Ranch Energy, LLC regarding geothermal matters. The Board reconvened at the Commissioner Chambers at the Cassia County Courthouse at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Christensen was excused as he was out of town.

THOSE PRESENT:

County Commissioners:

Dennis Crane, Chairman

Bob Kunau

Clerk of the Board:

Joseph W. Larsen

County Administrator:

Kerry D. McMurray

County Building Inspector:

Dave Zanone

AMB National Trust Bank:

Earl L. Wright, CEO & Board Chairman

Trent Yang, Director of Private Equity

Richard Austin

News Media:

Brittany Cooper, KMVT

1) 11:00 AM DISCUSSION OF GEOTHERMAL MATTERS

- a) CEO and Chairman of the Board, Earl Wright from AMG National Trust Bank in Boulder, Colorado, introduced himself and Trent Yang as their Director of Private Equity. Richard Austin from Oakley has been working with them as well for the past three years.
- b) Trent Yang will oversee their local geothermal project and will work with those from the State and Federal government. Yang has a green energy background.
- c) 26,000 acres of geothermal property has been acquired or leased. They estimate that production of 300 plus megawatts of power is possible in this area.
- d) They are currently about 2/3 of the way through conducting 3D analysis of underground resources.
- e) Their desire is to connect, partner, and work with local government for the long term.
- f) Chairman Crane inquired what properties they are working with. They explained that property north of the Raft River Geothermal has been acquired and they are extending out from there. They also have acquired a ranch northeast of that. 15,000 acres of BLM ground north and south

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of the Raft River Geothermal will be explored as well. They are drilling core test holes on leased private ground.

- g) They are working with the Bridge Substation and Raft River Electric. They may have to expand the substation. They indicated that getting power to the main power line should be no problem. They also desire to supply power locally and can expand power production if necessary.
- h) They would like to sell power to companies that choose to locate here locally.
- i) Wright indicated that water and coal resources are depleting and other energy is being imported. Carbon tax increases may even raise energy costs for coal production.
- j) Water is pumped back into the ground and the depletion rate for a good geothermal well is less than .5% per year.
- k) Permitting and siting has been done and they currently have eight drilling sites.

THE BOARD CONVENED AT THE COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AT THE CASSIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

2) 12:40 PM BUILDING MATTERS

- a) McMurray indicated that questions and costs pertaining to truss repair or replacement at the CCJC are yet to be determined.
- b) Delays in construction need to be mitigated to avoid incurring additional costs.
- c) Proposal #17 for the electrical modification of the court reporter desk for two courtrooms totals \$3,100.61. The Board called Scott Wendell with LCA Architects to further discuss justification for the labor expense with LCA Architects.
- d) Item #14 for the electrical transformer hookup cost with the City of Burley is an expense of the County. The Board approved the lesser costs of overhead transformer placement instead of the higher cost associated with the underground electrical hookup.

12:59 PM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE LESSER COSTS OF PLACEMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER HOOKUP WITH THE CITY OF BURLEY. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e) Proposal #11 as a rework of Proposal #3.1 for the jury box was discussed with Wendell and it was determined by the Board to just stub in conduit and a box and eliminate the data and electrical raceway under the countertop of the jury box. The Board asked LCA Architects to expedite reworking Proposal #3.1 to account for those changes.
- f) Larsen discussed the need to put in two dedicated 20 Amp power services in the Clerk's Office to accommodate copy machines. One will be behind the Clerk's front window in the work area and would necessitate eliminating the work bench on the north wall of that room. The other would need to be placed on the west frame out on the south wall of the Clerk's Office in the middle of the Clerk's work stations.

3) 1:40 PM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/_____

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/_____

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board