



Minutes
Special Council Meeting
March 16, 2023

12:00 p.m. Special Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the Special Council Meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 12:02p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Merv Schmidt. Dale Rey and Keith St. Jeor attended via teleconference. Kevin Black and Larry Hall were absent.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden and Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens. Engineer Daniel Cowger was also present.

Action Agenda:


a. **West Side Lift Station – Bids for Construction/Rebid Approval**

Engineer Daniel Cowger of Varela Engineering provided a status update to the council regarding the bid award for construction of the West Side Lift Station. Bids were solicited and received last fall with a bid expiration date of February 6, 2023 to allow time for the additional funding application and approval through USDA Rural Development. USDA was unable to provide an offer to the Town prior to the February 6th deadline. The low bidder agreed to and submitted a few bid extensions. During this process, the federal government implemented the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) which would apply to any federally funded projects after February 3, 2023. Due to this new requirement, USDA is unable to offer funding for the bids that were received last fall because they did not include the BABAA requirements. In summary, if the Town wants to continue with seeking USDA funding, the only option the town has at this point is to completely rebid the project to include the BABAA requirements. USDA has indicated that this funding application is being considered for 100% grant funding.

(m/s Rey/Schmidt) to approve rebidding of construction for the West Side Lift Station to include the new BABAA requirements. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch stated that since this is a special meeting, no other business can be conducted and adjourned the meeting at 12:06pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden