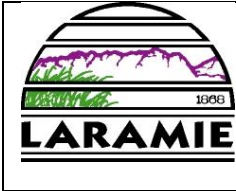


CITY OF LARAMIE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING May 15, 2018



Agenda Item: Agreement

Title: WWDC Small Water Project Grant for the Design and Construction of the Goforth Reservoir Project

Recommended Council MOTION:

Move *a)* To Approve the WWDC Small Water Project Grant for the Design and Construction of the Goforth Reservoir Project on the Monolith Ranch and Accept the Matching Grant in the Amount of \$35,000 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign; *and, b)* To Approve the Site Specific Sub-Recipient Agreement between Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and the City of Laramie, and authorize the City Manager to sign.

Administrative and/or Policy Goal:

Administrative Goal: Rehabilitate & Maintain Water Rights

Policy Goal: Resolutions 2016-19 & 2017-56

Background:

In 2016 the City began investigating grants and partnerships as might be utilized to maximize the value of the Monolith Ranch and the water rights thereon. The GoForth reservoir dam structure was washed out in a 1983 flood. A partnership with Ducks Unlimited was initiated to pursue funding necessary to complete the reservoir reconstruction project. In February 2016, Council authorized the first financial contribution to the reservoir project by expending matching in-kind support of \$12,917 to secure the water rights for the project site. In addition, Ducks Unlimited and the City agreed to pursue a grant under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act of up to \$130,000, with a cash match from the City of \$30,000.

To-date, Ducks Unlimited has secured a total of \$341,500 in grant funding from numerous sources for Phase 1 of the Monolith Ranch Meadows Conservation Plan. The reconstruction of the Goforth Reservoir is a crucial piece of the overall Phase 1 plan with funding to-date as follows:

North American Wetlands Conservation Act:	\$160,000
Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resources Trust Fund:	\$160,000
United States Fish and Wildlife Service:	\$11,500
Laramie Rivers Conservation District:	\$5,000
The Nature Conservancy:	<u>\$5,000</u>
	<i>SubTotal</i> = \$341,500
Wyoming Water Development Commission: Sponsor)	\$35,000 (City Pass-Through/Project
	Total = \$376,500

The City, acting as Project Sponsor, submitted recently the Small Water Project grant application to the Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) for the design and construction of the Goforth Reservoir. WWDC voted to award the grant at a March 2018 meeting. As the Project Sponsor, the City has the obligation to fulfill the WWDC grant requirements. However, Ducks Unlimited has agreed to act as the grant sub-recipient to undertake and complete the project by developing the Reservoir site. Those sub-recipient responsibilities are outlined in the *Site Specific Agreement* along with the City's intent to reimburse Ducks Unlimited up to \$35,000 from the WWDC grant upon successful completion of the

project. No City of Laramie funds will be used for the Goforth Reservoir project, however, a significant amount of staff time has been, and will continue to be, utilized for project management and grant administration.

Legal/Statutory Authority: The City is a qualifying applicant and recipient of these funds.

Responsible Staff: City Manager Jordan, x5226, Water Resources Administrator Parkin, x5213

_____ City Manager _____ City Attorney _____ Choose an item.

**Att: Resolution 2016-19
Resolution 2017-56
Project Agreement GoForth Reservoir Project
Site Specific Agreement with Ducks Unlimited**