

City of Green River
City Council Meeting
Agenda Documentation

Preparation Date: 02/07/2018	Department: Legislative
Meeting Date: 02/20/2018	Department Head: Mayor Rust
	Presenter: Mayor Rust

Subject:

Reappointment of Mr. Terry Leigh to the Joint Powers Water Board.

Background/Alternatives:

Mr. Terry Leigh has volunteered to serve on the Joint Powers Water Board for a 3-year term. The Mayor recommends Mr. Terry Leigh to a 3-year term beginning March 1, 2018 and ends on February 29, 2021.

Attachments:

Mr. Fred J. Ostler, P.E., General Manager's letter of recommendation of Mr. Terry Leigh to a 3-year term beginning March 1, 2018.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Staff Impact:

None

Legal Review:

None

Suggested Motion:

I move to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Terry Leigh to the Joint Powers Water Board for a 3-year term beginning March 1, 2018 and ending February 29, 2021.



February 6, 2018

Mayor Pete Rust
City of Green River
50 East 2nd North
Green River, WY 82935

Re: Appointment to the GR/RS/SC Joint Powers Water Board

Dear Mayor Rust:

This letter serves as a reminder that Mr. Terry Leigh, one of the City of Green River's appointments to the City of Green River – City of Rock Springs – Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board (JPWB) will be coming to the end of his term on the last day of February 2018. By agreement, board membership terms begin on March 1st and end the last day of February three years later. Terms are fixed at three years, even though there may be several individuals who may occupy that term due to resignations of board members midway through their terms. In some cases, we have had three or four appointees to complete a single three-year term.

Currently, Mr. Terry Leigh is one of the two City of Green River appointees, and he is about to conclude the 3-year term vacated by Mr. Phillip Luzmoor. Since Mr. Leigh was a fill-in appointment, his time on the Board is not considered to be his first term. Under the agreement between the cities and the county, Mr. Leigh is actually eligible for another two full terms as a Green River appointee.

Please allow me to report to you and the city council that Mr. Leigh has been an excellent Board member and a great asset to the organization. I have been very impressed with his professionalism and leadership, and it is obvious he has an interest in this work. His influence and support have benefitted the JPWB and by extension, the entire region. Most important, his contributions and decisions reflect an understanding of how the board's decisions must ensure the JPWB functions well to meet current needs and also succeed long-term.

The city is free to appoint whomever they wish, however, I believe I can speak for the Board and certainly for the JPWB staff, that we would very much welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Leigh for another three years.

For your information, I have attached a spreadsheet of the JPWB's Board history. Please know that early records regarding board appointments exist, but those records were not as clear regarding when a particular board member was appointed, whether that member

was a fill-in member, or for how long that member was expected to serve. Therefore, board member assignments older than 2009 are not guaranteed to be accurate.

Because records of previous appointments lacked the necessary details regarding dates of appointments and length of terms and, therefore, caused some confusion, we now ask that when a city makes an appointment they provide a letter with the following details:

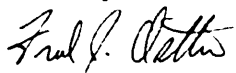
1. If Mr. Leigh is reappointed, please provide a letter stating that he is appointed to his first full term that begins on March 1, 2018 and ends on February 29, 2021.
2. If another person is appointed, then please provide a letter with that person's name, address, phone number, and email address, and include the same dates for that person's term, which is March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2021.
3. If the city needs more time to make an appointment other than Mr. Leigh, please provide to us a letter with the city's intention as to how long Mr. Leigh will remain on the Board until the new appointee is confirm and that the new appointee will retroactively start on March 1, 2018 and who's first term would end on February 29, 2021.

I appreciate your willingness to provide this information and the specific dates in a written form, as it provides a reliable record for future JPWB administrations.

Mr. Mayor, the JPWB highly values our relationship with the City of Green River. Your managers and employees have been wonderful to work with and we continually strive to improve our relationships and provide reliable service. Please encourage your office staff and the city council to provide suggestions that may help us serve the city better.

The JPWB looks forward to working with you and the City of Green River for many more years. If you would like to discuss this issue, or any other please contact me at the phone number listed above or at my email address fostler@jpwb.org.

Sincerely:



Fred J. Ostler, P.E.
General Manager

Cc: Terry Leigh (via email)
Don Hartley (via email)

Ecl: JPWB Board Membership Roster – Updated February 5, 2018