

Regional board, Greybull continue water discussion

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WORLAND – During the Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board meeting Wednesday night, Chairman Phil Juillard read a letter from Big Horn County expressing an interest in participating in an extension of the water line, which would benefit Greybull and the airport.

The discussion rehashed some of what was covered during the December meeting over a 650,000 gallon tank built at the airport without input from the town of Greybull. Bob Graham, Greybull's representative on the JPB, reminded the board about last month's discussion and the county's demand to have 500,000 gallons available when planes come in.

"They were scrambling with what to fill it with," Graham said. The county approached the town about taking over the tank and ownership and the county would do what needed to be done to make it compatible with the water system, he said.

"As it progressed, they regressed," he said. "They need to show the tank is beneficial to the town of Greybull and this board."

Responding to Juillard's question about whose water it is, Project Director John Joyce replied, "Molecule for molecule, I think it's Big Horn Regional's."

Talk continued over engineering reports and who has to pay for them. Basin representative Don Russell said when he talked to the Big Horn County Commissioners, they indicated they would probably pay for their preliminary engineering report.

"I told them it would be better if they would come to the meeting," Russell said.

This week the commissioners from the area are in Cheyenne for Legislature.

Graham said Greybull's study by Engineering Associates is available to the board or the county engineers. Graham said. "We don't have a problem sharing it."

Graham said they talked to the BHCC about figuring in the cost of \$100,000 to maintain the system over 10 years, but the county doesn't want to pay any money for maintenance.