



To: City Council
From: Peter Brixius
Date: February 13, 2024
Subject: Scope-of-work for Amended Contract from the Wilson Water Group

Dear Council:

Craig City Council approved the selection of the Wilson Water Group's proposal for a Water Rights Analysis in **August of 2022, in the amount of \$44,280**. The most important item within the current amendment is related to the ongoing work needed to approve aspects of the accounting methods recommended to the Division of Natural Resources, as it pertains to **Elkhead Reservoir accounting**. Lisa Wade Brown will discuss this accounting method for the future benefit of our Elkhead Storage Rights.

We also will be looking to further flesh out the understanding of the **City's water right at the Yampa Valley Golf Course**, along with several other necessary details in order to protect this right from future abandonment.

The city was initially presented with a number of options for additional studies in the original response to our RFP. Now that we are nearly complete with the original study, we would like the City Council to consider approving the "Drought Mitigation and Response Plan" study. In addition to having a plan that can help prepare the City and our Citizens for limited water usage during normal and drought conditions, we would have a blueprint to follow to support awareness during both normal and drought years. The study would help us to determine objective emergency response measures as needed. These plans also work to provide leverage in the preparation of certain water treatment and distribution grants, as well as future city development grant preparation.

The total cost of the amendment **is \$13,320** and would be expensed within the Water Fund. This step should complete all our water rights initiatives for the next 6-10 years as it pertain the Water Rights Analysis. It is probable that we should update this plan at least every ten years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Peter Brixius
Craig City Manager

Cc: Carl Ray