2020 WYOMING SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Irrigation Tunnel Collapse Relief

Whereas: many irrigation structures throughout the state delivering vital water to farmers are approaching 100 years old;

Whereas: there hasn’t been a comprehensive statewide assessment of the working condition of these structures and the estimated cost of repairs and improvements needed;

Whereas: the 2019 tunnel collapse in Goshen county brought focus to the situation;

Whereas: A larger percentage of water development funds are being committed to municipal water needs.

Therefore, be it resolved: RMFU members urge the Governor, Legislators and agencies tasked with regulation and funding of water infrastructure undertake a comprehensive study of the structural condition and needs of water delivery systems.

Be it further resolved: to help ensure water deliveries aren’t disrupted at a critical time for high-dollar crops in the future, funding is identified and committed to these needs.

Be it further resolved: structures with the highest need or repair are ranked and contracts issued to facilitate these repairs.