

## RILEY CO. RURAL WATER DISTRICT #1

### Board meeting minutes – January 18, 2023

**Call to order** – The regularly scheduled board meeting of Riley County Rural Water District #1 was held on January 18, 2023, at the Larson Construction, Inc. office. Tom Orazem called the meeting to order. Board directors present were Joel Anderson, Keane Adolph, Jeri Hynek, Paul Klover, Kurtis Lovgren, and Marc Rose. Also, in attendance were Bob Rogers, Operator and President of Larson Construction, Inc., Tammi Rogers, Office manager, Will Siebert VP of Larson Construction, Inc., Andi Siebert, office assistant, and Chris Olsson, office assistant. Unable to attend were Vickie Riniker and Richard Soash.

**Minutes** – Kurtis Lovgren moved that the board meeting minutes from November 15, 2022, be accepted as presented. Jeri Hynek seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Paul Klover, Treasurer, reviewed the financial reports for November and December 2022.

**Director's transfer & benefit unit report** – Jeri Hynek moved that the Director's transfer and benefit unit for November and December 2022 be accepted as presented. Joel Anderson seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Manager's Report** – Bob Rogers reported on the following:

The valve exercise project has been completed. Three (3) eight (8") inch valves located on Wildcat Creek Rd. need to be replaced. Bob gave an estimate of approximately \$3,500.00 for each valve replacement. Two (2) of the valves may be able to be replaced at the same time. The board left the decision of when to do the replacements up to Bob.

Leaks report – Another leak on W. 59 Street on Christmas day was repaired. In recent years, eight (8) to ten (10) leaks have been repaired in this area.

Seth Child & Hwy. 24 round-a-bout – Bob attended a Zoom meeting with KDOT concerning the moving of the district's water line in this area. Schwab Eaton is looking into this project for the district.

**Water contract with the City of Manhattan** – Tom Orazem & Bob Rogers attended a meeting with the City of Manhattan concerning the renewal of the district's water contract. The new contract will be the same as the current contract with the only change being the cost to purchase more water if the district goes over the gallon limit. Jared Brooks, engineer Schwab Eaton, and Todd Luckman, attorney for the district also attended the meeting.

**Water tower site update** – The committee will meet Jared Brooks, engineer Schwab Eaton on Tuesday, January 24 at 3:00 pm to visit potential sites for the new water tower.

**RLM invoices** – Tammi Rogers reports the invoices and pictures for the water line damage for the leaks at Seth Child & Tuttle Creek Blvd and S Dam & Tuttle Creek Rd have been emailed to RLM.

**2023 water rates** – Paul Klover, Treasurer, reviewed the district's financial data with the board. The City of Manhattan increased the district's rates by 4%. Paul Klover recommended the district increase the current water rates by 5%.

**MOTION** – Kurtis Lovgren moved the district increase its current rates of \$9.10 per 1,000 gals and \$7.45 per 1,000 for University Park and City of Randolph by 5%. Paul Klover seconded the motion, motion carried.

New Rates are - \$9.55 per 1,000 gallons and \$7.82 per 1,000 gallons for University Park and City of Randolph.

**Sedalia Church donation – MOTION** – Jeri Hynek moved that RCRW1 donated \$350.00 to the Sedalia Church for use of its annex for the district's board meeting. Joel Anderson seconded the motion, motion carried. This is an increase of \$50.00 from last year's \$300.00 donation.

**Benefit unit purchase price** – The board decided to not to increase the cost to purchase a benefit unit.

**Lead and copper 2024** – The directors discussed the new lead and copper rules that will occur in October 2024. It was decided that the members who attended the water conference attend any session that discussed these issues and visit the KDHE booth pick up on information on this subject.

**KDHE's public water supply loan update** – Chris read an email from Jared Brooks, engineer at Schwab Eaton, updating the progress of the district's loan application to help fund the project for two new water towers.

The District made the list on the most recent draft of KDHE's public water supply loan fund intended use plan. As previously discussed, once the plan is finalized, being on this list will allow the district to submit a loan application for funding the water tower improvements.

**KRWA water conference March 28 thru 30** – Directors planning to attend this year's conference Tom Orazem, Jeri Hynek, and Marc Rose.

**2023 director's election** – Tom Orazem, Kurtis Lovgren, and Vickie Riniker plan to run for re-election.

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