

RILEY COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT #1

Board meeting minutes – November 21, 2023

Call to order – The regularly scheduled board meeting of Riley County Rural Water District #1 was held on November 21, 2023, at the Sedalia Church Annex. Tom Orazem called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Board directors present were Joel Anderson, Vickie Riniker, Paul Klover, Richard Soash, and Jeri Hynek. Also, in attendance were Bob Rogers, operator and president of Larson Construction, Inc., Tammi Rogers, office manager, and Jennifer Holle, office assistant.

Minutes-September 19, 2023 – Minutes from the September 19, 2023, regular bi-monthly board meeting was presented; no discussion. Paul Klover moved that the board meeting minutes from September 19, 2023, be accepted as presented. Joel Anderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

Transfer & Benefit Unit Report – Transfer & Benefit Unit report was presented noting 7 transfers and 1 Benefit Unit for September and October; no discussion. Jeri Hynek moved that the Transfer and Benefit Unit report for September and October 2023 be accepted as presented. Joel Anderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

Manager's Report – Bob Rogers reported that we continue to see an increase in water connection inquiries due to extreme dry conditions and dry wells.

Bob also reported on 3 water main breaks – Vista Acres, Tuttle Creek Blvd. near KDOT shop, and Tuttle Creek Blvd. & Riverpond Road area.

Tuttle Creek Blvd. water tower was inspected on October 31, 2023; report pending.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Klover reported on September and October financials noting that we have several CDs up for renewal in November. Overall, the District is in good financial standing.

Water Tower Update – Tom Orazem gave an update on the proposed north tower site. Jared Brooks, Schwab & Eaton, requested Charlson & Wilson to perform an ownership and encumbrance report for the proposed site; results confirmed public highway right-of-way on the site.

Tom and Jared met with several landowners to discuss potential water tower sites, without interest. Next meeting will be with Riley County Public Works and Riley County Commissioners on November 30, 2023, to discuss a potential site.

Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG) – Auditor Taylor Penick, Kientz & Penick, CPA, provided KMAAG information to the board with recommendation for cash-basis accounting rather than the current accrual-basis. Discussion ensued; no action was taken. Jennifer Holle will present more information at the January meeting.

Water Rates 2024 – Paul Klover presented the City of Manhattan Water Ordinance Update – Rates and Charges Increases Effective January 1, 2024. Paul recommended following the City of Manhattan's increase of 4%, rounding up to \$9.95 per 1,000 gallons, taking into account for the increase in minimum and capacity charges as well. Richard Soash moved to raise residential water rates to \$9.95 per 1,000 gallons for 2024. Jeri Hynek seconded the motion; motion carried.

Additional Comments – No additional comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Holle

Jennifer Holle, office assistant