

RILEY CO. RURAL WATER DISTRICT #1

Public Hearing Minutes – August 15, 2023

Call to order – In accordance with a Notice published on July 11, 2023 in the Manhattan Mercury, a Public Hearing of Riley County Rural Water District #1 was held on August 15, 2023, at the Sedalia Church Annex. Tom Orazem called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board directors present were Keane Adolph, Jeri Hynek, Vickie Riniker, Kurtis Lovgren, Richard Soash, Joel Anderson, Paul Klover, and Marc Rose. Also in attendance were Bob Rogers, operator and president of Larson Construction, Inc.; Jennifer Holle, Larson Construction; Rose Mary Saunders, Ranson Financial; and Jared Brooks, Schwab & Eaton. District resident Phil Graham was in attendance for the Public Hearing.

Proposed State Funding of Water Tower(s) Project – Rose Mary Saunders, Ranson Financial introduced herself along with Jared Brooks, Schwab & Eaton as project financial advisor and project engineer, respectively. Rose Mary and Jared presented an overview of the water tower(s) project and proposed state funding.

The south system currently consists of a 150,000-gallon glass-lined ground tank which is quickly deteriorating beyond financially reasonable measures, and is undersized for the service area. The project proposes replacing the existing ground tank in the same location with a 200,000-gallon steel ground tank and mixing system allowing for increased storage.

The north system consists of a 200,000-gallon elevated storage tank, in good condition, but undersized for the service area. The project proposes the construction of a 300,000-gallon pedestal tower in the north system allowing for sufficient water storage and increased pressure to customers further north in the District.

Construction of the two water storage tanks will bring the District up to compliance for the given service area with projected growth. Questions ensued.

Resolution 2023-08-15 – Resolution 2023-08-15 was presented to enter into a proposed loan agreement with Kansas Department of Health and Environment in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 to fund modifications and improvements to the District's water supply system.

Joel Anderson moved the adoption of Resolution 2023-08-15 as presented. Vickie Riniker seconded the motion; motion carried 9-0.

Additional Comments – No additional comments from the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Submitted by

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