

RILEY CO. RURAL WATER DISTRICT #1

Board meeting minutes – September 19, 2023

Call to order – The regularly scheduled board meeting of Riley County Rural Water District #1 was held on September 19, 2023, at the Sedalia Church Annex. Tom Orazem called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Board directors present were Joel Anderson, Vickie Riniker, Paul Klover, Richard Soash, and Marc Rose. Also, in attendance were Bob Rogers, operator and president of Larson Construction, Inc., Tammi Rogers, office manager, and Jennifer Holle, office assistant.

Minutes-July 18, 2023 – Joel Anderson moved that the board meeting minutes from July 18, 2023, be accepted as presented. Marc Rose seconded the motion; motion carried.

Public Hearing Minutes-August 15, 2023 – Marc Rose moved that the Public Hearing minutes from August 15, 2023, be accepted as presented. Paul Klover seconded the motion; motion carried.

Special Meeting Minutes-August 15, 2023 – Richard Soash moved that the Special Meeting minutes from August 15, 2023, be accepted as presented. Vickie Riniker seconded the motion; motion carried.

Transfer & Benefit Unit Report – Paul Klover moved that the Transfer and Benefit Unit report for July and August 2023 be accepted as presented. Vickie Riniker seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Bob also mentioned that access to the Wildcat tower needs to be addressed with the upcoming construction. The existing easement for the water line to the tower is overgrown and will be difficult to utilize for construction. Board suggested reaching out to the current owners adjacent to the tower and easement to understand any concerns they may have and willingness to grant an access easement for construction and general maintenance of the tower.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Klover reported on July and August financials noting that we have several CDs up for renewal in November. Paul recommended the District inquire about CD interest rates with other banks in the area.

Joel Anderson moved to accept July and August financials as presented. Vickie Riniker seconded the motion; motion carried.

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 pending. Rose Mary Saunders, Ranson Financial, will modify the loan application to reflect the updates to include other potential sites pending Charlson & Wilson findings.

Blue River Hills - New Service – Jennifer Holle updated the board on a new Benefit Unit sold in the Blue River Hills area. The question came up on if the new customer would need to pay the surcharge for the water expansion loan. Attorney Todd Luckman researched the initial project and determined the original 46 Benefit Unit properties are liable for the loan repayment. Todd noted the loan reconfiguration for every new Benefit Unit sold would be a difficult calculation to make.

Board discussion ensued; ultimately agreeing with the attorney findings to leave the responsibility of the construction loan/surcharge to the original 46 Benefit Unit properties.

Riley County Public Works-University Park Water Contract – Tom Orazem presented the draft copy of the Riley County Rural Water #1 – Riley County Public Works/University Park Water Benefit District Water Supply Contract. Attorney Todd Luckman updated the contract with recommendations to reflect updated systems and terminology. The board discussed the updates/recommendations.

Joel Anderson moved to accept the Riley County Rural Water #1 – Riley County Public Works/University Park Water Benefit District Water Supply Contract as presented with updates/recommendations of Attorney Todd Luckman. Paul Klover seconded the motion; motion carried.

Additional Comments – Joel Anderson mentioned a recent conversation concerning any potential emergencies of the Manhattan Water System and the effects it would have on the District. The board discussed and agreed it was worth checking into as security to the District.

Jennifer Holle updated the board on the following:

- RLM invoices are paid in full.
- Results from the Lead Service Line Inventory Survey are coming in; approximately 175 via email survey and 45 via mail.
- Jennifer will attend a lead and copper webinar on September 20th.
- Jayhawk Utility Software will install the program and perform the first data grab on September 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Submitted by

Jennifer Holle

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