

Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County, Kansas

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021

Director's present: Ken McCarty, Bill Locke, Chuck Finley, Charlie Brovont, Dennis Carlson, Mary Nelson, Gary Duggan and Shaun Henderson. Others present; Allan Soetaert and Donna Chrisjohn. Others present via Zoom: Chester Bender and Colin Stalter. Director(s) absent: Steve Hines.

In the expected absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Ken McCarty called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Vice Chairman McCarty requested that the Board of Directors consider the Consent Agenda items. Director Locke moved to approve the consent items noted on the agenda. Director Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #2 was the consideration of a variance regarding the location of a metering location for property located on 199th Street, west of Moonlight Road. The District's Manager, Mr. Soetaert, noted that property owners, Josh & Karena Shaw, have purchased a tract of ground that is "land-locked" and that access to the public road right-of-way would only be available through a proposed ingress/egress easement on an adjoining property. Mr. Soetaert further noted that in order to provide water service to the property, the Shaw's were requesting a variance to the District's policy that the metering point for a property is made upon the property and not on any adjacent property. Mr. Soetaert noted that to his knowledge, this variance request had generally been granted; but only for "land-locked" properties, and with provisions. Mr. Soetaert discussed the provisions that previous Board of Directors have stipulated in granting similar requests. Mr. Soetaert also outlined the other option for service, which included a water main extension across an adjacent tract which would require the District's maintenance. After discussion, Director Carlson moved to allow the Shaw's request for variance of meter location with stipulations noted by W7. Director Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #3 was the Consideration of the 2022 Budget. Management noted that approving or accepting the 2022 Budget, is not an approval of the CIP Expenditures. Mr. Soetaert reviewed the proposed budget, as well as its expenditures. He also reviewed the proposed CIP expenditures, specifically the ones that were already obligated for by the District. After discussion, Director Nelson moved to adopt the 2022 budget as presented. Director Locke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Colin Stalter (GBA) provided an update on the 135th Street wholesale connection with WaterOne and the associated water compatibility study, as well as the NCAC/W7 wholesale study report that is nearing completion. No action was taken by the Board of Directors

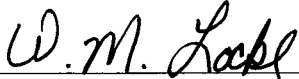
Chester Bender (PY) then provided updates on the RD Projects. Mr. Bender noted that segments A, D, and E are near completion, expecting some additional cleanup and reseeding to take place. Mr. Bender also provided an update to the progress of Project B & C and some issues with those projects and the general cleanup. Mr. Bender mentioned that he is working on easements for Project F. No action was taken by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Soetaert gave a brief review of the status of other on-going projects.

Mr. Soetaert then acknowledged Donna Chrisjohn who is scheduled to retire from employment with the District at the end of December. Mr. Soetaert offered his gratitude to Ms. Chrisjohn and mentioned to the Board a retirement celebration would be hosted by the District at a future date. In addition to this, Vice Chairman McCarty also expressed appreciation to Ms. Chrisjohn for her service to the District and BOD and wishing her good luck in her retirement.

There being no further business to come before the BOD, Director Locke moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Time noted was 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



W.M. Locke, Secretary