Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County, Kansas

Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022

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

Chairman Steve Hines called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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

Agenda item #2 was the consideration of funding the CIP item, Waverly Road watermain relocation, from the 2022 budget. The District's Manager, Mr. Soetaert, noted that a 400 LF area is known to be an operational problem with numerous water breaks in the past. Mr. Soetaert further noted that this water main is close to the District's 1.0 MG elevated storage tank which results in significant water loss and disruptions of service when it does have a watermain break. Mr. Soetaert recommended to not only replace this portion of 6-inch water main, but to also increasing the pipe diameter to 12-inch. He also noted that the estimated cost of the project was \$115,000. After discussion, Director Finley moved to authorize management to proceed with the proposed water main relocation on Waverly Road. Director Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #3 was the consideration of the Edgerton Crossing Development engineering report. Mr. Soetaert provided a brief summary of the development, and its location within the District's boundary. Colin Stalter and Chester Bender provided a review of the attached engineering report by GBA noting that this development is a planned multi-phased commercial development. Mr. Stalter reviewed the specific onsite, and offsite, improvements that were recommended within the report. Also discussed was the proposed timing of the planned phases of the development. After discussion, Director Nelson moved to accept the engineering report as presented. Director McCarty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Colin Stalter (GBA) provided an update on the 135th Street wholesale connection with WaterOne noting that the project (Phase 1) is currently out for bidding. Mr. Stalter also provided a brief report on Phase 2 including the proposed sites for the District's new storage tank in the north pressure zone as well as PRV's. No action was taken by the Board of Directors

Chester Bender (PY) then provided an update on the RD Projects. Mr. Bender noted that the progress of Project B & C was the same as last month with a few issues and the general cleanup still to be completed. No action was taken by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Soetaert gave a brief review of the status of other on-going projects. No action was taken by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Soetaert then provided a review of the Kansas Department of Commerce's BASE Grant program and its application process. Mr. Soetaert discussed with the Board several options for potential projects that could be submitted on the District's behalf. Mr. Soetaert noted that, if

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allowed, he would be working Ranson Financial to submit possible projects for funding. After discussion, Director Finley moved that the District Manager work with Ranson Financial is submitting a BASE Grant application(s) to the Department of Commerce. Motion seconded by Director Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Soetaert noted that a notification was received regarding the designation of representative to the Kansas Rural Water Association's Annual Meeting. After discussion, Chairman Hines appointed Director Finely to be the District's delegate, with Director Carlson as the alternate delegate.

Mr. Soetaert then provided some additional reports regarding several topics. No action was taken by the Board.

There being no further business to come before the BOD, Director McCarty moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Locke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Time noted was 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

W.M. Locke, Secretary