

Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County, Kansas

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022

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Director's present: Steve Hines, Ken McCarty, Chuck Finley, Mary Nelson, Frank Denning, Shawn Hughes. Others present: Allan Soetaert, and Mindy Krouch. Others present via Zoom: Chester Bender and Colin Stalter. Director's absent include Gary Duggan, Dennis Carlson and Brian Andrew.

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 Nelson moved to approve the consent items noted on the agenda. Director McCarty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #2 was the Presentation of the 2021 Audit by Troutt, Beeman & Company. However due to the presenter's illness and subsequent absence, this was tabled for next month's board meeting.

Agenda item #3a was an update on CRWD6 Merger & Wholesale Supply Project presented by Colin Stalter of GBA. Mr. Stalter informed the board that construction is just beginning on the 135<sup>th</sup> interconnect with the first item to be boring across the two road crossings. He believes the connection will be complete by September. Mr. Stalter also reported on the acquisition of property for the future elevated storage tank. After discussion, no board action was taken.

Agenda item #3b was the Rural Development Project update by Chester Bender of PY. He stated the rainy weather has hampered Pyramid Construction from completing the clean-up of Areas B & C. As soon as the weather clears up, correct equipment will be on site to complete the clean-up by the end of next week.

Mr. Soetaert reviewed Agenda item #4e and the ongoing construction updates with various other projects. Mr. Soetaert discussed an upcoming meeting with the City of Gardner to discuss water supply needs. Mr. Soetaert discussed the Douglas 4 wholesale contract that is pending some additional work. He also mentioned a boundary overlap issue with WaterOne affecting a warehouse in Olathe that happens to lie in both service areas. Mr. Soetaert discussed the JCAC and Hillsdale Area Water Cooperative (HAWC). Water 7 is one of 9 entities that make up this cooperative. He discussed upcoming by-law changes regarding the meetings/year requirements. Mr. Soetaert reviewed with the BOD the Brody's Ridge Subdivision project.

Agenda item #3d was KPWSLF Project Submittals. Submittals have been made to SRF for both the Columbia Rd. and the Miami 2 Water Treatment projects. Mr. Soetaert reminded the BOD that, should a loan be awarded to Water 7, they are not obligated to receive any funds.

Agenda item #4b was Chairman updates. Chairman Hines discussed the ongoing by-laws review and proposed changes. He noted counsel, Todd Luckman, has presented some changes to the committee for review. Currently there are plans to present all changes to the BOD at a future meeting. He also said the proposed BU pricing changes will come before the board once the GBA

System Analysis is complete, hopefully in the Fall. Chairman Hines also discussed the possibility of any interested Board members taking a tour of the District.

With no further business to come before the BOD, Director Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Director McCarty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Time noted was 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Carlson, Secretary