

Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County, Kansas

Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 13, 2022

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

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

Agenda item 2a was the 175th Street, West of Edgerton Road Engineering Report. Chester Bender (Ponzer-Youngquist) presented his report for a proposed WME to service a tract of land at the southwest corner of 175th Street and Edgerton Road. Mr. Bender noted that there is an existing 12-inch main along Edgerton Road to serve one large lot while a water main extension would be required to serve the remaining 3 lots along 175th Street. Mr. Bender reviewed the minimum fire flow requirements as well as District reported tests in the area. Mr. Bender noted that the proposed 1,930 LF water main extension was estimated to cost approximately \$180,000. After discussion, Director Nelson moved to accept the engineering report as presented. Director McCarty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 2b was a RD Project update (PY). Chester Bender informed the Board that this project is complete. The District has received the final pay estimate from Pyramid Contractors and Mr. Bender will be finalizing paperwork for Rural Development. Mr. Luckman then discussed the transition of this loan from Rural Development to a SRF loan. Mr. Soetaert noted that the timeline of this process is a bit unclear, but the interim financing by the KPWSLF Program would likely close out by February 2023.

Agenda item 2c was a CRWD6 Merger & Wholesale Supply Project Update (GBA). Colin Stalter informed the board that the pump station has been delayed with a likely delivery date sometime in early to mid-January. Mr. Stalter noted the water main is installed and the pump station concrete pad has been poured. The elevated storage tank agreement is being completed and the pressure reducing valve vault sites have been chosen. Mr. Luckman, District Counsel, discussed the agreement he is drafting for the Board's consideration with JCPRD. He also noted that the agreement was for the exchange of property that would allow the construction of the elevated storage tank. Mr. Stalter noted that the design of the tank is almost 50% complete.

Agenda item 2d was Fire Line Review Draft Report (GBA). Colin Stalter presented the draft report and reviewed some of its content. Mr. Stalter stated that the District's 43 private fire line services can be an immense cost to the water system, accounting for approximately 15% of the District's operations costs. He then discussed a recommended rate increase to recover the District's cost of service and to remain comparable to other utilities. Mr. Soetaert mentioned that he did not have the appropriate time to review the report and offer any recommendations to the BOD; however, it was his intent to prepare some for next month's BOD meeting. After some discussion, no further action was taken by the BOD.

Agenda 2f was Monthly Report by Manager. Allan Soetaert began by updating the BOD on a meeting held with the developers of Edgerton Crossing Phase II. Mr. Soetaert noted a discussion held with the City of Gardner's Administrator regarding a proposed development on 175th Street, east of Four Corners Road, within the District's boundaries. Mr. Luckman then updated his progress on drafting a

Memo of Understanding for the Board's consideration in participating in the Miami 2 Water Treatment Plant capacity upgrades.

Chairman Hines reviewed with the BOD some information regarding the City of Edgerton. The BOD expressed some views; however, no action was taken.

Mr. Soetaert updated the BOD on his meeting with the City of DeSoto. Because of the vast development planned at and around the new Panasonic plant, the city was interested in discussing service to this developing area.

Mr. Soetaert provided some updates on Service Area with WaterOne; the Interim Service Study with JCAC; and, an area along Lakeview Drive, south of 135th Street, that property owners were interested in water service.

Mr. Soetaert welcomed the District's newest employee beginning on January 9th, Colin Stalter.

Director Finley discussed with the BOD the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' plan to test a new method of silt removal, water injection dredging, on the Tuttle Creek Reservoir. This process is begin planned for summer 2023.

There being no further business, Chairman Hines requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Andrew moved such. Director Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Time noted was 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Carlson, Secretary