

Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County, Kansas

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023

Directors present: Frank Denning, Gary Duggan, Bill Locke and Dennis Carlson. Director Shaun Henderson arrived at 5:34pm. Directors present via Zoom: Shawn Hughes. Others present: Colin Stalter and Mindy Krouch. Others present via Zoom: Allan Soetaert, Brian Hess and Chester Bender. Director's absent: Charlie Brovont, Brian Andrew and Mary Nelson.

Chairman Frank Denning called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

1. Consent Agenda Items

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

2. Consider Resolution 2023-06-01 (2012 Revenue Bond Redemption)

At the March 2023 meeting, Ranson Financial encouraged the District to consider redeeming the 2012 Revenue Bonds prior to their official payoff in August 2024. Per that recommendation, District Counsel drafted a resolution to that end. Allan Soetaert, District Manager, provided some context to the 2012 Bond Issue. After discussion, Director Carlson moved to accept the agreement; further, authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute, pursuant to the acceptance of final modifications approved by District Counsel and Management. Director Duggan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Authorization to Proceed with RFP/RFQ to select Engineering Consultant for KPWSLF Project #3163 (Columbia Road WMR)

Colin Stalter, District Engineer, gave a brief recap of the Columbia Road project which is the proposed replacement of 4" and 6" water mains along the Columbia Road/Old KC Road corridor to either 12" or 16" mains. These upgrades will increase storage tank replenishment as well as resolve a high friction loss area in the District. After some discussion, Director Locke moved to authorize staff to proceed with the RFP/RFQ process as outlined. Director Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4a. CRWD6 Merger & Wholesale Supply Project Update

Brian Hess, GBA, updated the BOD on the 135th Street WaterOne Connection project. He said the booster pump station has been operational for the last 30 days and the contractor has completed demolition of the vault. Mr. Hess noted that landscaping and replacement of a meter lid that did not meet design standards were some outstanding items.

Mr. Hess then updated the BOD on the Timber Ridge Tank portion of the project. He said the application was submitted to Johnson County Planning & Zoning; further, that the Department will provide comments back this week. It was noted that a public hearing meeting will be held on July 17th, open to the public and landowners within the vicinity of the proposed tower. Mr. Hess went on to say that design plans are 90% complete with final electrical and HVAC systems complete in the next month.

4b. Gardner Road Design (Update)

Chester Bender, PY, updated the BOD regarding the water main project along Gardner Road between 199th and 191st Streets. Mr. Bender reported that several versions of this project have been discussed with Staff; however, the scope of the project is to extend the main from 199th Street and Gardner Road, north to 191st Street, and east to Moonlight Road. Mr. Bender provided a brief review of the easements

conveyed to the District along this route. Mr. Stalter discussed some other noteworthy aspects of the project. After discussion, Director Locke moved to accept the report as presented. Director Duggan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4c. Monthly Report by Staff

Mr. Stalter provided updates on the 103rd Street and Edgerton Road projects near DeSoto. GBA will design the 103rd Street project with hopes to have the road operational by this fall. There is a field meeting this week to walk the alignment. Staff has provided an agreement to Flint Commerce Center regarding the Edgerton Rd improvements and is awaiting their comments.

Mr. Stalter went on to update the BOD on NCCC. GBA completed a report looking at the needs of the district to be able to support this area. An interim water purchase agreement should be available for the BOD to review at the July meeting.

Mr. Soetaert discussed an upcoming meeting with the City of Gardner regarding service areas and should have something to report back to the BOD at the July, or August, meeting. Also reported were some efforts with DG4 regarding their interim water purchase agreement.

Finally, Mr. Soetaert reminded the BOD that staff are still looking to hire one front office personnel.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Denning requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Carlson moved such. Director Locke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Time noted was 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Andrew, Secretary