

Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County, Kansas

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024

Directors present: Frank Denning, Bill Locke, Charles Finley, Walter Johnston, Shaun Henderson, Brian Andrew, and Shawn Hughes. Directors absent: Ken McCarty, Charlie Brovont. Others present: Allan Soetaert, Colin Stalter, Brian Hess and Mindy Krouch. Others present via Zoom: Beth Warren.

Chairman Frank Denning called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

1. Consent Agenda Items

Chairman Denning 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.

2. Consider Approval of System Analysis & Review of Capital Improvement Plan

The District's Manager, Allan Soetaert, provided a brief recap of this work that started in 2022 with the Board of Directors (BOD) authorization to proceed with a System Analysis Update. Colin Stalter, District Engineer, then reminded the BOD that the System Analysis report was completed last year and was presented in October 2023; however, was pending some minor revisions. Mr. Stalter noted that he was asked to review with the BOD the findings of the System Analysis, along with Brian Hess (GBA). Mr. Stalter provided an overview of the existing system and facilities. Mr. Hess then reviewed past water demands, as well as future demand projections for the District. Mr. Stalter ended his review with the recommended high priority improvements, including a review of the minor revisions made to the report since its last presentation. Mr. Soetaert then discussed with the BOD the financing of these improvements and reviewed some of the priority items that were listed for BOD review. After questions and a brief discussion about borrowing options, Director Andrew moved to accept the System Analysis report as presented. Director Locke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports/Updates

3a. Legal Counsel Update

Allan Soetaert, District Manager, explained that Legal Counsel was unable to attend the meeting, and any reports would be postponed to the next monthly board meeting.

3b. Monthly Report by Staff

Mr. Stalter provided brief construction updates on the various projects within the District. Mr. Soetaert added some brief reports with neighboring entities. Mr. Soetaert then noted that he was working with legal counsel on some potential review topics, specific to the District, for either the November, or December, board meeting.

Chairman Denning then reviewed with the Board a meeting he had with the City of Gardner's Mayor.

Director Charles Finley then mentioned upcoming Water Plan implementation meetings taking place in September at various locations across Kansas.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Denning requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Andrew moved such. Director Locke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Time noted was 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Andrew, Secretary