

Rapid Valley Sanitary Dist. Water Service

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
6 PM FEBRUARY 10, 2025
4611 TEAK DR RAPID CITY SD, 57703

Chairman Andy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at roll call were Bob Phillips, Diana Nelson, Connie Olson, Eric Krebs, Jennifer Battles, Shirley Haines, Tim Roth, and Carrie Wheeler. Also in attendance was General Manager Rusty Schmidt, and Office Manager Sara Bender

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bob Philips made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Battles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Carrie Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Connie Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCE REPORT: The financial reports were distributed to the Trustees for their review prior to the meeting. Diana Nelson made a motion to approve the Finance Report. Shirley Haines seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: No one from the public was in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Drinking Water Surcharge Revenue Bond 2023 Updated 17th Draw for Engineering Services:

The updated 17th draw for engineering services is \$61,853.00. The total for last month's invoice was \$51,031.19 and this month's invoice is \$10,822.25. Since there were no other pay apps for December, Black Hills Council decided to wait to submit to DANR until we received the January requests. Total reimbursement to date is \$978,905.68.

MANAGERS REPORT

2. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection: Daily production for January was 750,000 gallons per day. A large water main break was fixed going into the KOA campground as well as leaks on a large leak in Murphy Ranch and another main break at the intersection of Plateau and Albert Ln.

PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

3. Apple Valley Housing Project Update: The power is connected to the PRV pit now. We are waiting on the radio and the antenna to finish the SCADA. There are currently ten occupied homes.

4. Ennen Housing: Construction on the small homes is starting on phase 1A and Siteworks will continue to install the water and sewer infrastructure for phase 1B.

5. Quail Ridge Development: Banner Communities met with the county commissioners to request a TIF. The commissioners needed more information, but the county may end up doing the TIF rather than the city.

6. County and State ARPA 2 MG Storage Reservoir: There are no other pay applications for preload as they have demobilized and plan to be back in April 2025. The remaining balance on the contract is \$956,186.00.

7. County and State ARPA Madison Well Project: The change order of \$815,956.91 was submitted to DANR. The Hydro Resources was drilling out the production zone when they got differentially stuck. They will shoot foam down into the hole to try to equalize the pressure to get unstuck, then they will get back to doing the air development. AE2S is working on a cost estimate of the shortage to submit to DANR, there is potential we could receive some additional ARPA funds that were turned back in to cover the short fall.

8. County and State ARPA 12 Watermain to Box Elder: The SCADA programming for the meter/ PRV pit is complete, however the service team will wait for some warmer weather to flush the line and test everything.

9. County and State ARPA Well House and Generator Project: RCS is reviewing the requested descopeing to try to keep the project at 2 million or less. The cost estimate for the pump is \$375,000.

OTHER TOPICS

10. Rapid City Public Works Updated Water Reclamation Agreement: The City legal team approved the contract and the agreement was signed and submitted. The public works committee will review on February 11, then it will go to the full council on February 18th.

11. Water Rights Investigation: SD DANR is still reviewing the Buxton water rights transfer (Little Giant and Southside). Confirmation was received today that they will have the review done by March 10th. Mr. Simunek has signed the purchase agreement, and the application for 110-acre feet for the Murphy water rights was submitted.

12. Intake Property: The setback variance was approved at the February 4 County commissioners meeting. The preliminary subdivision plan was submitted to the city and will need to go through the formal process.

MISC. INFO:

- Policy committee meeting will be February 19th at 6pm
- Nathan Broom will be retiring 2-14-2025
- New Hire Darian Cummings

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6.45pm.