

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024

Chairman Andy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at roll call were Bob Phillips, Jennifer Battles, Diana Nelson, Shirley Haines, Carrie Wheeler, Connie Olson, Eric Krebs, and Tim Roth. Also, in attendance were Manager Rusty Schmidt, Engineer Dustin Dale and District Clerk Sara Bender.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Shirley Haines to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Diana Nelson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Diana Nelson to approve the minutes from the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Phillips. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Continuation of Public Meeting for Proposed Annexation as Advertised November 21st and 28th: This is the continuation of the public meeting for annexation of real property as advertised November 21 and 28, 2023. The county auditor has approved the legal descriptions, and the proposed annexation will be on the January 16th County commissioner's agenda.

2. Drinking Water Surcharge Revenue Bond 2023 Fifth Draw Amount: The fifth draw amount for engineering services from AE2S is \$40,215.00. This brings the total to \$423,538 to date.

MANAGERS REPORT

3. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection: Current daily production for December was about 750,000 gallons per day. The service team is concentrating on a possible leak in the Jolly lane. A leak was found and fixed on Muckler Ct. The pressure zone has been showing higher usage again. The average water loss for 2023 was about 15% which is up from 13% in 2022.

PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

4. Ennen Dr Housing Project: This project will consist of 82 smaller homes and 74 standard sized homes. This project will utilize SD Housing funds so they requested confirmation that we will be providing services. This project will be starting in the Spring of 2024. This will bring in approximately \$230,000 in extension and connection fees.

5. Apple Valley Project Update: This project is expected to start this month. Iron Horse has called in locates for Long View Rd to start the water main installation. Pre-construction meetings were held last week and again this week. The first phase of the project will be 84 homes.

6. 2024 Bore Project on Jolly Lane: The bore is complete, and the north side is connected. The southern portion will be connected in the next couple of weeks. The Elks club will be off when this connection is made.

OTHER TOPICS

7. SD DANR Approval of RVSD Water System Improvements – 2 Million Gallon Storage Reservoir and RVSD Water System Improvements 12” Water Main and Connection to Box Elder: We are currently waiting on approval from SD DANR for this project. We should be receiving that soon as it has been a month since submitted.

8. Rapid City Public Works Proposed Rate Increase for Water Reclamation: A meeting was held with Rapid City Public Works on 12/28/2023. They indicated they would be sending over a revised agreement withing the next couple of weeks.

9. Advertise to Sell 2011 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 Fleet Vehicle: The Kelly Bluebook for the 2011 Dodge Ram is in the range of \$6913-\$8826. In the past we have set a minimum bid at the low trade value. Additionally, we have the option as per SDCL 6-5-2 to give a gratuitous transfer to a non-profit corporation for public, charitable or humanitarian purposes. Some discussion occurred about donating the truck to Youth and Family Services. A motion was made by Shirley Haines to convey the truck as a donation to Youth and Family Services. The motion was seconded by Carrie Wheeler. Connie Olson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items:

- The first phase of the shop addition for 2023 was completed December 15th. The second phase will be completed in 2024.
- Proposed House bill 1010 will require utilities to have customers consent for installation of a smart meter (electronic). I have asked SDARWS to lobby against this bill.
- 2023 Utility recaps are included in your packet for review.
- 2023 truck maintenance recaps are included in your packet for review.
- 2023 inventory is included in your packet for review.
- The Policy committee meeting will be 2/28 at 6pm
- Discussion occurred regarding meeting times. The consensus of the group was to have the Board of Trustees meetings at 6pm rather than 7pm for at least next month and potentially going forward.

Executive Session:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Bender
Office Manager