

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 8, 2023

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Carrie Wheeler. 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. Haines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. 2022 Audit Presentation: Traci Hanson and Bethany Roscamp from Ketel Thorstenson presented the results of the 2022 Financial Audit. The only change to accounting standards for 2022 had to do with leases. The District has a Verizon lease, this however did not affect anything for the 2022 audit. The District has water and sewer infrastructure valued at over 34 million dollars before depreciation. Long-term debt as of December 2022 was 6.7 million. Sewer Treatment expenses have nearly doubled from 2021 due to rate increases from the City of Rapid City. Once approved by the Board of trustees the audit will be submitted to the Department of Legislative Audit for review. A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the financial audit as presented. Jennifer Battles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT

2. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection: Water loss for April was higher at 23.68%. There was a substantial leak on a main valve on Jolly Lane that was recently fixed but will need some additional repairs after it was discovered that the main was broken under the box culvert. This will require a boring of a new water main, Anco boring will be installing the new line this week. There was another substantial leak found on South Valley Dr, and was called in by the homeowner, where the service line was leaking into an old well house, this leak appeared to have been going for a while. The service team will continue to leak detect throughout the system.

PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

3. Murphy Ranch Phase 10B Project: The contractor is currently working on the storm sewer for this project. The sanitary sewer has all been installed and the testing is complete and passed. The contractor will begin work on the water portion of the project once the storm sewer is completed. The infrastructure for phase 10B should be completed in about 45 days.

4. Cottonwood Water Main Extension: Powles Construction will be completing the connection to the main from Cottonwood Trailer Crt, and he anticipates starting in the next couple of weeks. Once the connection is made and the old well abandoned this project will be complete.

5. Apple Valley Water and Sewer Expansion Project: This project is still delayed at this time and the new anticipated start time is now 2024. Costs of materials have increased considerably since the original start date, so there is some additional funding needed.

6. Springfield Extension Project and Murphy Ranch Phase 10C: The Springfield extension project is now going to be combined with Murphy Ranch Phase 10C. Plans for this project should be received in the next 30 days. This will include about 90 condominiums and will create a loop to phase 5b and Rapid Valley Fire Department.

OTHER TOPICS

7. Update on 2023 County ARPA and SD DANR Funded Projects: We were currently waiting on the FONSI report do be advertised and we recently received notification of a new endangered species, the Long-Eared Bat, and our project will need to be reviewed by SDDANR to verify that it will not interfere with their habitat. The General Manager and Engineer were told to submit a report indicating whether or not the project would interfere, and we are now currently waiting for a reply from SDDANR on how to and what to submit in this report. This will need to be completed in order for the project to move forward.

8. Procurement Policy Addition for Pennington County Requirements for Local ARPA Funds: Pennington County has asked us to review and make changes to a procurement policy that they sent over. It was reviewed and some changes made, and Talbot reviewed the changes as well. A meeting will be held next week with County representatives to go over the protocol of the funds to be expended for the projects. A motion was made by Shirley Haines to approve the procurement policy with the changes as made. The motion was seconded by Carrie Wheeler. Motion carried.

9. West Dakota Regional Water Study Meeting: A regional meeting was held recently for everyone to submit project ideas for regionalization. An idea that was submitted from the manager was to extend the water main to Valley Heights and build a tank to help serve them, it would create an additional loop, and potentially be able to provide water to New Underwood. The only issue with this idea is the lack of additional source water to serve outside the District boundaries and still be able to provide for growth within the District. An additional well was suggested to help provide additional source water that could be used and or shared surface water rights between entities to assist with the regionalization plans.

Miscellaneous Items:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Bender
Office Manager