

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2023

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, and Connie Olson. and Eric Krebs. 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 Carrie Wheeler. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Diana Nelson to approve the minutes from the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Shirley Haines. 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:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Drinking Water Surcharge Revenue Bond 2023 Draw Amount: The third draw for engineering services has been submitted for payment in the amount of \$27,191.10. The total for engineering services to date is \$101,035.00.

2. Facilities Committee 2024 Project Recommendations: The Facilities Committee met on September 19th to review 2024 projects. The committee recommendations are as follows: Radio/processor upgrade for the treatment plant and all remote sites. The current radios and processors are obsolete and are no longer supported. The estimated cost for this is \$75,000. The second project is the Jolly Lane bridge crossing by the Elks Club. Currently, the Elks Club and the residential houses to the south of the creek are only fed by a single feed that crosses Rapid Creek on Pioneer Dr. This recommended project would allow looping for fire flows and an alternate route for water if a failure occurred on Pioneer Dr. The estimated cost for this project is \$100,000. The 3rd project is a 30x50 shop across from our existing shop doors. We have available space to allow this size of building without interfering with future well or treatment plant projects. It is recommended that we start this project in the calendar year 2023 and spend \$100,000. This shop will give us room to store more parts and separate equipment and fleet vehicles, so all operational vehicles are not in one building. It is also recommended that we purchase 2 new fleet vehicles to replace the 2011 Dodge and the 2013 Ford. Another recommendation is to purchase a skid steer/front loader to use for unloading trucks and other projects including snow removal. The last 3 items would be included in the 2024 budget with approval. With the recommendations of the committee, the consensus of the group was to approve the recommended projects, with the shop starting in 2023.

MANAGERS REPORT

3. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection: Water loss for September was 10% with production down slightly from this time in 2022. The service team has completed leak detection from Elk Vale to the western boundary. There was a leak on Eden and Cactus and a customer

called in a leak on Ennen for September. The team will start working on the leak detection trailer in November.

4. Nominating Committee Meeting: Richard Hensley recently passed away after 27 years of service on the Board of Trustees for Rapid Valley Sanitary District. Rick was appointed to the board in February of 1996 and has faithfully served the District for the last 27 years serving in various positions to include chairman of the Board. His position is now vacant and doesn't expire until 2024. The group will reach out to some potential nominees that may be interested and then schedule a nominating committee meeting.

PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

5. Ennen Dr Housing Project: The platting for this project was recently approved for 82 smaller homes and 74 single-family homes. There will be a public meeting for those interested in attending. Once the public meeting is scheduled, the trustees will be notified.

OTHER TOPICS

6. Update on 2023 SD DANR Funded Projects and Environmental ARPA Funded Projects: The plans for the 2-million-gallon concrete tank and 12" water main has been submitted to the county and will be submitted to DANR, with a 30-day review period. Preliminary plans for the Madison well were received this week. All plans have to be submitted to DANR by March 30, 2024.

7. Kieffer Sewer Service Relocate: The City is installing new sewer mains on Sedivy Lane and have requested the Kieffer no longer be connected to the service. A sewer service will be stubbed into Kieffer's lot, and the existing service will be rerouted to our sewer main on E. Saint Andrew.

8. West Dakota Regional Water Meetings: An Emergency meeting was recently held, and the West Dakota board has decided to get on the State Water Plan for the Twilight water main, tank and New Underwood water line.

9. PFAS Class Action Lawsuit: There is a proposed class action settlement from PFAS manufacturer for water systems that have been tested for PFAS prior to June 30, 2023. PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) are found in everything from detergents, foams, makeup, clothing etc. Talbot, recommend we sign up just in case there is a monetary benefit that comes from the suit. When the system was tested earlier this year the raw water from our intake contained 3.1 ppt and the EPA limit is 4 ppt.

10. Future Annexation Discussion: A meeting was held recently with one of the County Commissioners regarding a proposed 1370-acre annexation of additional service area near the District's Eastern boundary. If the group would like to proceed with the annexation engineering

will draft a map, legal will draft a resolution and we can proceed with a public meeting and advertising. The consensus of the group was to move forward with the proposed annexation.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Short-term and Long-term list of projects included in your packet.
- Budget Committee meeting October 18 at 6pm
- SDARWS Leadership conference November 8-9 Pierre Ramkota
- Murphy Ranch 10C construction will begin early in 2024.
- Patricia Extension Project at District Boundary. We are still waiting for an update on this project.
- Apple Valley project update – they are planning to go out for bid in November with construction starting in January of 2024
- Community Action pledged \$8,640 at \$160 each for 54 RVSD customers through a grant program for those that also qualify for energy assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Bender
Office Manager