

# **Rapid Valley Sanitary Dist.** **Water Service**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
6 PM DECEMBER 9, 2024  
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 Tim Roth, Diana Nelson. Connie Olson, Eric Krebs, Jennifer Battles, Shirley Haines, Bob Phillips Carrie Wheeler via phone. Also in attendance was Joe Noble and Casey Skillingstad with AE2S Engineers, General Manager Rusty Schmidt, and Office Manager Sara Bender

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Diana Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Shirley Haines 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. Eric Krebs 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 14<sup>th</sup> Draw for Engineering Services:** The 16<sup>th</sup> draw for engineering services is \$99,053.90. This consists of \$19,068 for construction services, \$6275.10 for preliminary engineering, \$8043 for bidding negotiations, \$900.80 for geomatics services and \$435 for transportation.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

**2. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection:** Daily production for November was about 754,000 gallons per day. Line loss for November was 19.13%. The service team fixed a number of leaks including leaks on Highway 44, Club Ct, Corbin and Solitaire. The line loss average for 2024 is 8.78%. The service team will continue to leak detect in the Plateau area.

## **PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**3. Apple Valley Housing Project Update:** Phases 1A and 1B contain 40 lots and homes are currently being built on those lots. Phase 1C extension fees have been paid and there are 40 lots for that phase. Connection fees will be paid once the home building starts. The PRV pit and meter vault will be installed and should be operational by our next meeting. Plans for phase 2A and 2B have been approved.

4. **Ennen Housing:** Water and sewer are installed to the lots of phases 1A, and the contractor has started the sewer infrastructure on phase 1B. The connection fees will be paid as the homes are being built.

5. **County and State ARPA 2 MG Storage Reservoir:** Preload has demobilized for the time being as the temperatures are getting too cold for the shotcrete that will go over the prestressed wire. We are currently waiting on the cost proposal for the tank logo. The 8<sup>th</sup> pay application is for \$252,738.90 with the remaining balance on the contract of \$956,186.00.

6. **County and State ARPA Madison Well Project:** Hydro Resources injected concrete for the annulus around the lower casing. They were not able to fill the entire void and will have to do 2 squeeze jobs. This is when you blow a hole in your casing and squeeze concrete into the hole. Once this is complete there is about 300' to drill into the production zone and then schedule the test pumping for the well. The 7<sup>th</sup> pay application is for \$208,440.00 and \$612,180.00 remaining on the contract.

7. **County and State ARPA 12 Watermain to Box Elder:** The 7<sup>th</sup> and final pay application, is for \$115,045.13. There are still some remaining invoices from DSI and Meullenberg Electric for the meter pit. The final contract amount for this project is \$1,150,451.26.

8. **Generator and Intake Upgrade Projects:** The bid opening for this project was December 6th. There were 2 bids submitted. The lowest bid was from RCS, but the bids did come in much higher than engineer estimates. A meeting was held with RCS about scrutinizing the various items to try to get the cost down. RCS indicated that once the bid is accepted they could deep dive into those items and try to reduce some of the pricing via change orders. A motion was made by Connie Olson to accept the bid from RCS construction. The motion was seconded by Tim Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

## OTHER TOPICS

9. **Rapid City Public Works Updated Water Reclamation Agreement:** The City legal team presented a draft of the revised contract and a meeting was held with the Manager and Mr. Wieczorek. In the contract they are going to honor the 30% reduction and elimination of the connection charges that the former public works director verbally agreed to in a previous meeting. The draft did include the mention of a surcharge. The city will be making some changes to that language that the any future surcharges to the district would only apply if the District has direct impact and benefits from the project, surcharge would have a 30% reduction as well. There is also some language that says the city can discontinue services to the District at anytime with a 5 year notification. That language will be removed. The city legal team indicated a new draft with those changes would be available by our next board meeting.

10. **Water Rights Investigation:** The state approved the acre feet conversion for 109.7 acre feet for the Southside Ditch water rights as well as the 69.3 acre feet for the Little Giant Ditch rights. Foth will be submitting the application for transfer to the state this week, which will take about 60 days to complete that process.

11. **Intake Property:** Mr. Houk has agreed to the purchase agreement after a few minor changes to include a 15-year contract to use and maintain the existing driveway. The purchase price is \$175,000 and AE2S is working on the final platting. A motion was made by Connie Olson to execute the purchase contract contingent on the platting approval. The motion was seconded by Bob Phillips. Motion carried unanimously.

## MISC. INFO:

- SD Rural Water ATC Jan 14-16 SD Rural Water reserved 10 rooms for us at Ramkota, they want rooming list after our meeting to hold the rooms.
- Early bird deadline to register is December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Sweep account initiated.

- 1.133 billion tax valuation

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.