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BOARD DIRECTORS MEETING

6 PM JULY14, 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, Eric Krebs, Jennifer Battles, Connie Olson, Tim Roth and Carrie Wheeler. Shirley Haines was absent. Also in attendance was General Manager Rusty Schmidt, and Office Manager Sara Bender

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** made a motion by Connie Olson to approve the agenda adding a topic to the miscellaneous section for an update on the Lamb easement. Bob Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Diana Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Jennifer Battles 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. Eric Krebs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

**1. Election of Officers and Oath of Office:** No election was held as the incumbents Connie Olson, Eric Krebs and Jenny Battles ran unopposed. All of the trustees completed the oath of office and confidentiality and conflict disclosures. Olson suggested leaving the officers the same for another year as we are still completing the ARPA projects and for ease of signatures and authorizations for the projects the consensus of the group was to leave the officers as is for the upcoming year.

**2. Drinking Water Surcharge Revenue Bond 2023 22nd Draw for Engineering Services:** The 22nd draw for Engineering Services is $28,994.29. This invoice included $21,055.50 for engineering, $7905.54 for subcontracting and $32.25 for transportation.

**3. Annual Review of Open Meeting Laws:** During the most recent legislative session, House Bill 1059 and Senate Bill 74 were adopted creating new requirements to review open meeting laws annually and this went into effect July 1, 2025. The open meetings procedures revised in 2023 and prepared by the attorney general’s office were provided to the trustees for review in their packet, a 2025 revision is not available but is expected soon. Teleconferences and/or video conference are considered public, now with the new law emails are also included if you send a group message to enough people to equal a quorum. SD codified Law 1-25-1.1 requires all public meetings to be posted 24 hours before the meeting at the public offices, as well as on a website if one is available. Executive session can be utilized for employee or public officer conduct and performance, consulting with legal counsel, contract negotiations, employee negotiations, market strategies, public protection, cyber security, building plans of critical systems. Public comment periods are all a requirement and recording is allowed. The agenda may be added to or deleted before adopted but is discouraged unless it is an emergency. The trustees will review this annually at this meeting going forward.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

**4. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection:** Daily production for June was 1.3 million gallons per day, with line loss of 2.32% and about 900,000 gallons lost. There were leaks fixed on Gemini St, Heather Ln and O’Brien St. The service team will be detecting in the Johnston area next.

**PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**5. Apple Valley Housing Project Update:** Site Works has completed the sewer services that needed redone from incorrect installation and having a reverse slope coming out of the main. They also replaced a manhole because the lower section was cracked. They are now working to install water main for phase 2A on Lodi Lane, Zester Ln, and McIntosh Ln.

**6. Ennen Housing:** The 12” water main installation on Reservoir Rd is complete and should be live within the next couple of days, we are just waiting on Bacti results before flushing and making it active. Phase 2 construction has not started.

**7. N. Valley Dr. Water Main Project:** Foth Engineering is currently working on plans and should have them complete within the next 30-45 days. The City has postponed their road project until 2027. The estimates have increased since we originally looked at it so we may have to look at doing this project in segments and do a portion in 2025 and a portion in 2026. There is potential we could acquire all of the materials ourselves and hire the labor to save on costs since the estimates have increased so substantially. A motion was made by Connie Olson to move forward with acquiring the materials ourselves and hiring the labor ourselves, and completing the project in 2 segments. Tim Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. N. Neel Housing Project:** The water and sewer is complete, and the new water main will be looped into the pressure system. This will allow homes on upper Sweetbriar St to be included in the pressure zone. These homes currently have about 30 psi and now will have about 80 psi. These homes were given pressure reducing valves before the looping takes affect on July 21st.

**9. Murphy Ranch 10C Project:** Phase 10C of Murphy Ranch has started and they are currently working on installing sewer. This phase consists of 39 lots and will create looping to the fire station. Once this phase is completed, there will be a phase 10D and the Springfield Rd extension.

**10. 1mg Tank Painting Project:** The interior painting is complete, and the tank is filled and back in use. The final pay application was for $56,870.00.

**11. County and State ARPA 2 MG Storage Reservoir:** Pay application 9 is for $255,681.90. Preload has finished the shotcrete application and have wrapped it to cure. They plan to start painting mid to late July weather permitting. The remaining balance on the contract is $892,000.00. The tank is expected to be completed by mid – August.

**12. County and State ARPA Madison Well Project:** The remaining balance on this contract is about $246,000.00. There is some extra piping on the bid for the VFD and equipment, so Hydro is redoing the bid for the items that are not needed.

**13. County and State ARPA Well House and Generator Project:** RCS is getting ready to start, they recently called in locates for the project. There will be some additional costs for the upsized generator and upsized 1200 amp services. We are looking at a potential shortfall once all the ARPA funds are expended due to the additional production of the well.

**OTHER TOPICS**

**14. Additional Water Request for Madison Well:** The manager reached out to the State on the request for additional water on the well. They are planning to advertise in August. The request is for a maximum of rate of 1,000 gpm and a maximum volume of 917 acre feet. This amounts to about 300 million gallons annually.

**MISC. INFO:**

* Lambs and S/Seven have agreed to give us the easement for access to our new lot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.