

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2020

Chairman Rick Hensley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at roll call were Andy Fitzgerald, Connie Olson, Dwight Peterson, Diana Nelson, Rick Hensley, Shirley Haines, Bob Phillips, and Bobby Sanner. Clyde Elwood was absent for the meeting. Also, in attendance were Rusty Schmidt, Manager, Dustin Dale, and Sara Bender.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Shirley Haines to approve the minutes from the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Dwight Peterson. 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 Connie Olson to approve the Finance Report. Bobby Sanner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Second Reading of Water and Sewer Ordinance: The proposed changes for the water and sewer ordinances, is as follows; the water rate minimum charge is \$18.24 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$4.33 per 1,000 gallons of usage thereafter. The sewer rate minimum charge is \$19.03 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$5.43 per 1,000-gallon of usage thereafter. The sewer ordinance, 14-2 Article III, section 3 will state that residential sewer services are able to be repaired by the District at no cost to the owner if the service is collapsed or a physical separation is evident from the sewer main to the property boundary, after the resident verifies with a District representative video showing the location of the defect. This does not include plugged sewer services due to flushing materials or objects that create blockages. A repair authorization form is required to be signed by the owner of the property. A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the proposed changes to the water and sewer ordinances. Diana Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

2. Water Loss: Water loss was good for November at an 8.9%. A leak was found last week on Ennen and was repaired. Another leak was recently found on Plateau and is being repaired this week. There is some water flowing through the drain tile at the 1.85-million-gallon concrete tank. There is often ground water in this location, but there seems to be more than normal. The service team pressure tested the water mains and everything was fine, so the next step will be to isolate the tank and see if any issues are found. Once this is complete, they will move on to the next satellite locations and continue leak detection.
3. Diamond Ridge Development/Booster Station: The booster station is up and running and everything is functioning well. There was one issue at start up where the fire flow pump seized up, but that was resolved after taking it apart and finding the issue which was torque created by the discharge piping. This increased the pressure to homes in this area by 30 psi.

4. Orchard Meadows Lift Station: The force main is scheduled to be pressure tested tomorrow. The wet well and collector manhole are also installed. The footings are poured and they will be starting the walls in the next week. The building is still about 8 weeks away from delivery.
5. Orchard Meadows Tract L: There isn't any updates on this project, the contractor is currently working on the foundations and are likely trying to align building with the completion of the lift station.
6. Murphy Ranch Phase 5b & 5c: Plans are completed for this project and future plans are in the works for development that will go all the way down to Highway 44.
7. Orchard Park Apartments: This project is 6 buildings and the pads are done. The contractor is currently stubbing out services from under the building foundation.
8. Missouri River Project Resolution: Banner and Associates and Western Dakota Development District are reaching out to different west river entities about interest in future water supply options from the Missouri River. This project would be 20-30 years down the road but WDDD is asking for a resolution of support from cities and districts who could potentially want to participate once all of the information was gathered. The resolution was sent to Brian Hagg for review who added a section that protects the District from incurring any costs unless there is prior written approval from the District. A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the resolution of support. Diana Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Geotechnical Report: The results for the geotechnical report on the 23-acre land purchase came back and were better than expected. Hard shale was found in areas that are 7.5 to 40 ft below the surface. A facilities study will still need to be done as this project moves forward.

Miscellaneous:

- A meeting was held with the City of Box Elder public works department to discuss future water supply.
- The Manager attended the Rapid City council meeting on December 7th because of the discussion on an exception for utilities on the Hillsvie project, which is a continuation of Anamosa St. The city engineering staff removed the exception to not install water and sewer because it is a Sanitary District board decision.
- The trustees were distributed a copy of the comprehensive liability insurance packet from Glatfelter Public Practice to review.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Bender