

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Diana Nelson to approve the minutes from the January 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 Connie Olson to approve the Finance Report. Bobby Sanner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Jennifer Battles and Carrie Wheeler were in attendance to observe the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Nominating Committee: Nominating committee discussions were moved to Executive session to discuss filling the vacancy for Clyde Elwood.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

2. Water Loss: Water loss was higher for January at 20%. There were a lot of breaks in January and a couple of leaks in the pressure zone that were repaired which did drop the usage substantially, but usage is still higher than desired in this zone. The service team will continue to look for leaks in this area, because the majority of water loss comes from the pressure zone, then they will move to the next Utilis location. The average water loss for 2020 was 7.8%.
3. Orchard Meadows Lift Station: We are still waiting on the pumps for the new lift station, but the wiring should be complete in the next couple of weeks. The lift station could potentially be operational by the end of March or first part of April.
4. Orchard Meadows Tract L: Tract L consists of about 100 new apartment homes. The contractor is on the last phase of the final street, which could potentially be complete and tested by the next meeting. 73 of the 100 homes in this development will utilize the new lift station once it's complete.
5. Murphy Ranch Phase 5b & 5c: This phase will consist of 36 more residential lots and is about 30% complete. Some criteria for encasements recently changed with DENR which allowed for fewer encasements for this project.
6. Carlin/Crane Project: AE2S recently sent plans to DENR for approval for this project. The plan is to go out for bid sometime in March. Depending on how the bids come back this may be done in phases. We are looking at a 3-phase bid schedule. Schedule A is Longview and Crane. Schedule B is Carlin and schedule C is the dirt road on the back side of Carlin. The county is requiring all the service lines to be bored. Once all the bids are submitted, they will be presented to the board.

7. Facility Study: AE2S anticipates the facility study will be complete sometime in April. Dustin is finalizing load and flows to begin the permitting process with DENR.
8. Hillsvie Project: Plans for this project are approved and a preconstruction meeting was recently held. This project consists of 23 lots and will require a main extension that will need to be done first in order to minimize outages that could potentially affect 800 homes.
9. Amko Advisors: Amko Advisors is the firm we used in 2019 to refinance our RD loan and we recently reached out to them to look at possible financing options for the water resource recovery facility. If this was a route we decided to take, the process would be similar to the last one in that there would be no cost until a rating is completed. There is a potential of a better interest rate as well as interim financing would not be required as it would with other loan options.
10. Murphy Ranch Phase 8: Plans were received back today for this project which consists of another 22 residential lots. Plans should be finalized in the next couple of weeks.
11. Building Addition: BC Renovations will be starting work soon on the shop addition with an estimated completion date of end of March or first part of April. The cost for the addition will be \$75,464.78

Miscellaneous:

- There is a 42-unit apartment building being constructed at the end of Jaffa Garden Way behind Common Cents. The water and sewer services are being done by Bajer Underground.
- House Bill 1028 is a bill to clean up water rights transfers. Currently anyone can contest a water right transfer for any reason. This amendment would specify the grounds on which it is being contested. The bill is currently being considered in the senate.

A motion was made at 7:48 pm by Andy Fitzgerald and seconded by Bobby Sanner to enter into executive session for Nominating Committee discussions to fill the vacancy of Clyde Elwood. The board came out of executive session at 8:15 pm and the consensus of the Board was to ask Jennifer Battles to fill the vacancy on the board. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Bender