

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JULY 11, 2022

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Shirley Haines to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dwight Peterson. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Phillips. 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. Oath of Office and Election of Officers:** The Oath of Office was signed by Jennifer Battles, Connie Olson, and Dwight Peterson, who all ran unopposed for the trustee positions. A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to leave the current officers in place for another year. Rick Hensley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MANGERS REPORT**

**2. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection:** Water loss for the month of June was 5.8% with about 1.9 million gallons lost. The service team will continue leak detection, with the pressure zone still being a key location to monitor.

**PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**3. Murphy Ranch Phase 10A Project:** There was a pre-con meeting for this project last week and they are currently removing the topsoil along Highway 44 with plans to begin the utility infrastructure next week. There is 160 feet of water main that will be installed as a first step to connect Cottonwood Trailer Court to water service. The Manager will reach out to the owners of the park to discuss plans to get them connected to the system. Fees for phase 10A have been paid.

**4. Murphy Ranch Phase 10B Project:** Plans for Murphy Ranch Phase 10B are approved. This phase will consist of 22 lots and is scheduled to start sometime this fall. There is a water main that will go through phase 10B that is for phase 10A. Fees will be paid once they begin work on this phase.

**5. Apple Valley Water and Sewer Expansion:** A meeting was held with Towey Design Group and CORC for approval of the connection point to the City’s 42” trunk sewer at Anderson Rd

and Highway 44. It has been challenging to make the 21” sewer main for the RVSD collector to meet the minimum slope to tie into the CORC 42” collector pipe. The preliminary design from TDG has been agreed upon by all parties to move forward and provide a detailed drawing for approval. Hopefully by the next meeting a final design will be in place. There is no additional charge for the insurance coverage needed for the railroad crossing, and once the designs are finalized and a construction start date then we will sign the 60-day construction permit with the railroad.

**6. Hillsvieview Phase 3 Project:** This phase is scheduled to start late fall and will consist of 45 lots. The 12” water main will be extended along Reservoir Rd approximately 800 feet to the location that the District is looking at for connecting the 12” connector to Cheyenne Blvd.

## **OTHER TOPICS**

**7. Houk Property Purchase:** An offer was received from Mr. Houks attorney which was to give back some of the property within RVSD’s lease while allowing for a future well for a requested dollar amount. The Manager and Mr. Houk discussed the offer and Mr. Houk indicated that he may still be interested in selling if the board is not interested in the proposed offer. The consensus from the board was to pursue the purchase of the property and to have the District attorney draft an agreement for review and for the Manager to negotiate pricing with Mr. Houk.

**8. Facility Study and Application Submittal:** The facility study and application were submitted to DANR (Andy Brules) for the requested funding and match of 5 million dollars. These funds will be unique in that the intent is to provide for a regional project for the future of the surrounding area. If the match is not given and a loan is required, it would have an interest rate of 1.625% which is less than was originally planned for and could provide some cost savings. DANR will meet in September to determine if the funding match will be awarded to the District.

**9. Rapid Valley Sanitary District and City of Rapid City Sewer Agreement and Proposed Amendment:** The CORC has requested an amendment to the sewer agreement to reflect Green Valley Sanitary District specifically as for allowing their sewer to be treated by CORC and managed by Rapid Valley Sanitary District. The current agreement that was signed January 4, 2022, states that any area outside the boundaries of Rapid Valley will need to be authorized by CORC. Additionally, the CORC and Green Valley will have an agreement in place for the connection fee that Green Valley is required to pay. A meeting is scheduled for the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the progress of the GVSD sewer install project.

**10. Green Valley Sanitary District and Rapid Valley Sanitary District Sewer Agreement and Proposed Amendment:** An amendment to the sewer agreement is being drafted by Green Valley Sanitary District’s attorney to include the monthly fees that the City will charge for each connection point. These charges would be charged to the District and then passed on to Green Valley Sanitary District. The current charge is \$250.33 per 8” sewer connection.

**Miscellaneous Information:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Bender  
Office Operations Team Lead