

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 13, 2022

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 via phone. Also, in attendance were Manager Rusty Schmidt, Engineer Dustin Dale, Attorney Talbot Weiczorek and District Clerk Sara Bender. Jennifer Sietsema with Black Hills Council of Local Governments was also in attendance for the public hearing for the Drinking Water Improvement Project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Shirley Haines to approve the agenda and strike item 11 from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dwight Peterson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Carrie Wheeler to approve the minutes from the May meeting. The motion was seconded by Diana Nelson. 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: No one from the public was in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Public Meeting for Drinking Water Improvement Project: A public hearing was held for the drinking water improvements project which includes construction of a new storage facility, constructing 12-inch mains along Reservoir Road to connect to Cheyenne BLVD, and drilling a new Madison well for additional water source. BHCLG attended the hearing and discussed the need for the project, project alternatives, proposed financing, revenue source pledged, interest rate and term, project costs and amount to be borrowed, and the effect the proposed DANR financing could have on user rates. The application will request funding assistance up to \$6,820,000. This project is an effort to spur regionalization and accommodate recent and expected growth and address needs in the area. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$12,027,660. The district has been allocated \$5,349,070 in Pennington County local ARPA funds and is eligible to receive up to \$ 5 million in matching dollars for the project. The current Drinking Water SRF loan terms are 2.125% for 30 years. Surcharge amount will be determined based on the amount of matching grant dollars versus loan dollars. The application is due July 1, 2022.

2. Resolution Authorizing an Application for Financial Assistance, Authorizing the Execution, and submittal of the Application, and Designating and Authorizing a Representative to Certify and Sign Payment Requests: A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve the Authorizing Resolution. Rick Hensley seconded the motion, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. __2022-06_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the Rapid Valley Sanitary District (RVSD) has determined it is necessary to proceed with improvements to its Drinking Water System; and

WHEREAS, RVSD has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the RVSD and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by RVSD as follows:

1. The sanitary district hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$6,820,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the Project.

2. The General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.

3. The General Manager is hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the sanitary district to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2022.

APPROVED:

Board President

(Seal)

Attest: _____
Finance Officer/District Clerk

MANGERS REPORT

3. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection: Water loss for the month was 6.4% there were a couple of larger leaks that were found this month. There was a main valve leaking on Ziebach and S Pitch and a curb stop on a vacant lot was found open, plus an additional leak on Colvin St.

PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

4. Moonlight Apartment Complex: The infrastructure for this project is complete and the fees are paid for the first 4 buildings.

5. Creekside Apartment Project: The 12” water main was tested and has passed. The sanitary sewer is also complete and has been tested and phase 1 of the project should be complete soon. All fees for this phase have been paid.

6. Murphy Ranch Phase 10A Project: Phase 10A consists of 41 residential lots. The fees are not paid at this time, but construction has not started. The contractor is currently removing trees and debris before water and sewer construction commences. The agreement for the ditch crossing is complete as well.

7. Apple Valley Water and Sewer Expansion: This project is still on hold due to the pending litigation. Watco/Ringneck and Western have approved the crossing design for the water main and now we are just waiting to hear back on insurance requirements.

OTHER TOPICS

8. Houk Property Purchase: The location of our intake and intake building is a permanent facility and access lease on the Houk residence. Mr. Houk indicated selling a portion of this property to the District. AE2S has drafted a proposed plat of the location as well as a portion of our existing easement reverting to Mr. Houk. He has received a copy of the plat to review. Mr. Wiczorek will start working on a purchase contract to include some of the details of the purchase. Once this is drafted the manager will submit to Mr. Houk for his consideration.

9. Procurement Policy for ARPA Funds and Loan Requirements: A procurement policy was drafted for proper procedures in utilizing the county ARPA funds. Mr. Wiczorek has reviewed the draft and the manager have submitted a copy to the County for comments or changes. Once all the changes have been complete the board will need to adopt the policy as it is a requirement for utilizing the ARPA funds.

10. Well Site Evaluation Study: LRE has applied for the District’s well permit at the treatment plant location. The permit is for the Madison Aquifer with an estimated yield of 400-450 gpm. I have also received an evaluation from USGS on projected yield as well. Mr. Eldridge ran a water model and has indicated that the location has a potential of 400gpm sustained flow.

Miscellaneous Information:

- The Skid X modules for the Nanostone conversion are scheduled to arrive mid-June. The tank arrived today. Pump suppliers are quoting for a reverse filtration pump, the current pump is not able to provide required flows. Concrete pads will need to be extended as well; contractors might not be available until late summer so the retrofit will probably take place sometime this winter. Once complete, the plant will be able to produce 4.8 mgd.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Bender
Office Operations Team Lead