

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 18, 2019

Chairman Rick Hensley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at roll call were Clyde Elwood, Andy Fitzgerald, Shirley Haines, Dwight Peterson, Diana Nelson, Rick Hensley, Bob Phillips and Jack Tomac. Also, in attendance were Rusty Schmidt, Manager; Dustin Dale, and Sara Gregory. Connie Olson joined the meeting at 7:05pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Rick Hensley asked for an amendment to the agenda, to add executive session A motion was made by Clyde Elwood to approve the agenda as amended. Diana Nelson seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve the minutes from the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Andy Fitzgerald. 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 Clyde Elwood to approve the Finance Report. Shirley Haines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. The Amko bond was issued and has been signed and approved. A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve. Jack Tomac seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will bring an estimated interest savings of about \$1.8 million and shortened the term of the loan by 7 years.
2. The Manager noted that the bond counsel requested a change in the wording of the resolution that was approved by the board in July to remove the wording that had Pioneer Bank as being on parity. Pioneer Bank has agreed to be subordinate to the other loans and will not be on parity. A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve the resolution change. Bob Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

3. Finance Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee (Haines, Elwood, Nelson, Olson) met with the Manager on October 30th. The proposed Operations and Maintenance budget for 2020 includes a 2% COLA, as well as a 1% water rate increase on the minimum charge, a 2% water rate increase on the per 1,000-gallon charge, a 2% sewer rate increase on the minimum charge and a 2% sewer rate increase on the per 1,000-gallon charge. Elwood suggested approval of the budget as presented by the committee.
 - a. A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve the 2020 Operation and Maintenance Budget as presented by the committee, this includes the 2% Cola. Connie Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - b. A motion was made by Clyde Elwood to approve the water and sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Andy Fitzgerald. The minimum charge on water will be \$17.71. The rate per 1,000 gallons for water will be \$4.20. The minimum charge on sewer will be \$16.03. The rate per 1,000 gallons on sewer will be \$4.93

4. **Water Loss:** Water loss was a little higher this month, but 2 substantial leaks were found on Ennen which decrease the usage per home by about 100 gallons per home. There was also another leak found on Elderberry on a vacant lot. The service team has completed the flushing program.
5. **Johnson Ranch Rd. Phase 2b & 4:** Phase 2b is complete. Phase 4 sewer is about 80% complete, but the water portion has not yet been started. Once completed, phase 4 will loop Garden Lane and Orchard Meadows behind the Common Cents store.
6. **Orchard Meadows Lift Station:** This project is still on hold; the City is still waiting on easements for the 33" trunk sewer. A project was submitted for a set of Duplexes but until the city can get easements signed and moved forward on the gravity sewer; we cannot accommodate this project.
7. **Diamond Ridge Development:** Siteworks hasn't moved to Diamond Ridge yet, they are trying to get things finished up in Johnson Ranch first. Dustin is working on surveying for the booster station but we are waiting for dirt to be brought in that was removed from our booster site during the previous Diamond Ridge construction.
8. **Intake Pump/Micro Strainer Upgrade:** The electrical upgrade is all complete and without any issues. The pump and motors should arrive by the end of the month and will be installed right away. The micro strainer will not arrive until beginning of February or later.
9. **Avenue A:** Sewer testing is complete and passed. ProX already tested the main, but had not installed the service lines yet so that will all need to be tested once everything is complete.
10. **Homestead Phase V:** Water and sewer are complete and the testing has been done and it is looped. There is an area on Braelyn that is not holding pressure. That section is being dug up to see if it can be repaired, if not it will have to be replaced.

Miscellaneous:

- Christmas dinner will be held on January 17th at the Gaslight at 6:30 with hors d'oeuvres at 7 pm.
- Tyler Volk started November 14 and is doing great.

A motion was made by Connie Olson and seconded by Clyde Elwood to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm to discuss employee compensation. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 pm and, as there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Gregory