

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2020

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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 Dwight Peterson to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Shirley Haines. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Bob Phillips to approve the minutes from the October 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 Andy Fitzgerald to approve the Finance Report. Bob Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. Finance Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee (Haines, Elwood, Olson, Nelson) met October 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the 2021 budget. The committee is recommending a rate increase for water and sewer, and sewer replacement service from the main to the property line. The committee proposed a \$3.8 million operation and maintenance budget for 2021. A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve the first reading of the water and sewer rate increase. Bob Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the proposed 2021 as presented. Andy Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the first reading of the ordinance change to provide sewer service replacement from the main to the property boundaries for residential homes that have a break or separation in the sewer service, this does not include blockages that are due to items that are flushed from the residence. Dwight Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

2. Water Loss: Usage in the upper pressure zone has been a little bit higher which could indicate a potential for leaks. There was a leak found on Solitaire and Pennington that have been repaired. The water loss year to date is averaging about 6.89% which is a 10% decrease from this same time last year. The service team is currently working on leak detection in the Saint Andrew area and two main valves had to be replaced. They will have this location complete by the end of the month and move on to the next location.
3. Diamond Ridge Development/Booster Station: The booster station is scheduled to be delivered November 12. The crane company will be coming to set the booster in place and then the piping and electrical can be finished. The booster will be up and running in the next couple of weeks.
4. Orchard Meadows Lift Station: The contractor has started on the force main near the Great Plains Tribal headquarters. They were required to insulate between the drainage pipe to prevent freezing. The wet-well portion was installed incorrectly so that will need to be redone, they are going to fix that and reset the sections this week. This project should be completed by spring.

5. Orchard Meadows Tract L: The water and sewer are complete on Timberwolves is complete and the flows from those homes will go to the Pioneer lift station. The other streets, Nuggets, Clippers and Celtic will be completed later and the flows from that will go to the new lift station.
6. Murphy Ranch Phase 5b & 5c: Plans have been approved and construction will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Future phases of Murphy Ranch will continue south up to Highway 44.
7. Green Valley Sanitary District Sewer Agreement: There haven't been any updates provided from the City yet.
8. Box Elder Meeting: A meeting was held recently with Box Elder officials to discuss future assistance from RVSD to help with the water capacity concerns in the surrounding area. The Manager recommended that a future meeting should be held with Box Elder, Rapid City and Ellsworth to discuss the possibilities.

Miscellaneous:

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A motion was made at 7:53 pm by Dwight Peterson and seconded by Bob Phillips to enter Executive session to discuss contractual negotiations, and employee compensation. The Board came out of Executive session at 9:10 pm and, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Bender