

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 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, Dwight Peterson, Rick Hensley, Shirley Haines, AND Bob Phillips, Connie Olson and Carrie Wheeler attended via phone conference. Also, in attendance were Manager Rusty Schmidt, Engineer Dustin Dale, and District Clerk Sara Bender.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Diana Nelson to approve the minutes from the September 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 Diana Nelson to approve the Finance Report. Carrie Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**1. Cheryl Chapman – West River Regional Water:** Mrs. Chapman presented to the board regarding progress on the Missouri River water project. She gave a brief history of how Western Dakota Regional Water was formed, project progress, and next steps for interested parties. West River Regional Water is in the process of seeking funding from interested parties for the next steps moving forward. The board will discuss contributions to the organization once the budget and finance committee meet to determine the 2023 budget.

**2. Facilities Committee Recommendations for 2023:** The Facilities Committee, which consists of Andy Fitzgerald, Bob Phillips, Dwight Peterson, and Carrie Wheeler, met September 20<sup>th</sup>, and has the following recommendations for 2023. Utilize approximately 30% of our expected revenues to secure equipment and materials for the sustainability of the system. Product supply chains are still drastically affected. The recommendation includes an additional \$45,000 in pump purchases, \$100,000 for infrastructure fitting pipe, valves, back up analytical instruments for plant operations and other miscellaneous items, an updated water and sewer masterplan, \$30,000 to accommodate our future growth and all 5 of our reservoir tank cleaning and maintenance \$17,000. The Colvin sewer project was discussed and currently the developer is planning to install sewer and water for this area by mid-summer to late fall 2023 providing sewer services to the homes on Colvin. A motion was made Shirley Haines to approve the committee recommendations for 2023. The motion was seconded by Carrie Wheeler. Motion carried

**MANGERS REPORT**

**3. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection:** Water loss for September was about 12% with a loss of over 4 million gallons. There was a main break on Twilight Dr early in September due to lack of proper bedding material. Current daily usage is about 1.2 million gallons per day. The service team will continue to leak detect.

## PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

**4. Murphy Ranch Phase 10A Project:** Sewer testing for 10A was done earlier in the day and did not pass, the contractor is planning to re-test tomorrow. The water mains have not been started at this time. SiteWorks has agreed to give us a 10' easement to provide water and sewer utilities for 4121 Apple Tree Rd. This is a homeowner that sits northwest of Cottonwood Trailer Crt. Murphy Ranch phase 10B plans are approved and the contractor expected to start sometime in the next 30 days. Extension fees for phase 10B total \$15,400.00, and will be paid before construction begins.

**5. Apple Valley Water and Sewer Expansion:** Plans for the sewer connection on Highway 44 and Anderson Road have been changed from a 21" sewer to a 24" sewer to accommodate future flows north of Long View on the Ennen property. Sewer has been upgraded as well to a 15" along Anderson Rd for the same reason. The hearing for development was reviewed and the judge is expected to give his verdict in the next few weeks.

**6. Cottonwood Trailer Court Water Connection:** The owner of Cottonwood Trailer Crt have drafted an easement for review. They are going to give the district a 10' easement along Highway 44 in case we need to utilize it for the water main installation. The construction of this portion of the water main will not take place for a couple of months. In addition, there is potential there may be new owners for this trailer court, an individual stopped by the office saying he was a potential buyer and was looking for information. He was made aware of current status on the project and agreements made with the current owners.

## OTHER TOPICS

**7. Houk Property Purchase:** Mr. Houk was contacted regarding the Board's decision to leave the permanent easement agreement as it stands. Mr. Houk mentioned he would be back to us if he decided to renegotiate.

**8. SD DANR Funding Match to Local County ARPA Grant:** On September 29<sup>th</sup> Dustin and I virtually attended the SD DANR Board of Water and Natural Resources meeting. The board authorized the recommendation of Mr. Brules to give a matching grant of \$5,000,000 to RVSD to the \$5,349,000 grant funds previously awarded from Pennington County. The projects the funds will be allocated to will be for the 2-million-gallon water reservoir, a mile of 12" water main that connects to Cheyenne Blvd. The matching funds will be used for a Madison well and its appurtenance to provide a redundant water source for the District and the surrounding area. A resolution from our bond counsel will be drafted and presented at the November meeting to adopt a bond resolution and a surcharge resolution.

**9. Rapid Valley Sanitary District and City of Rapid City Sewer Agreement and Proposed Amendment:** The counter-signed agreement from the City has not been received yet, hopefully we will have it by the November meeting.

**10. WREA Demand Charges:** A meeting was held with Robert Raker with West River Electric to discuss the possibility of RVSD and WREA being able to work together on a reduction on peak power demand charges if we are able to not operate the plant during high demand hours this

would benefit WREA as well as potentially lower the districts cost. Mr. Raker will get back to us soon.

**Miscellaneous Information:**

- Quail Ridge Apartment complex has no new information at this time, they are waiting on engineering comments.
- Proposed housing project extension of Ennen Dr has no new information at this time, this project is also waiting on comments from engineering.
- Creekside Apartment complex phase 2 plans have been reviewed and there is no new information at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Bender  
Office Operations Team Lead