

RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Chairman Andy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at roll call were Jennifer Battles, Diana Nelson, Dwight Peterson, Carrie Wheeler, Rick Hensley, Shirley Haines, Bob Phillips, and Connie Olson, 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 Shirley Haines to amend the agenda to strike agenda item 1 because Cheryl Chapman with West River Regional Water was unable to attend the meeting and rescheduled to present at the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Dwight Peterson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Diana Nelson to approve the minutes from the August 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. Second reading of Water and Sewer Use Ordinance Attachment C: Second reading of the proposed changes to the water and sewer use ordinance attachment C.

WATER USE ORDINANCE and SEWER USE ORDINANCE
RAPID VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT - WATER SERVICE

MAINTENANCE/REPAIR/ REPLACEMENT AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned Owner(s) of the property located at _____ (“Property”) hereby authorize Rapid Valley Sanitary District - Water Service (hereafter “District”) to secure a qualified contractor to enter upon the premises serviced by the District to make such necessary maintenance, repair and/or replacement of service lines (water/sewer) as it deems necessary to maintain said service lines in a state of good repair in accordance with its ordinances and applicable law.

Except as otherwise provided herein (check the box below agreed upon by the District), the undersigned hereby acknowledges that the cost of any work relating to the maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the service line (water or sewer) to the above-described property shall be at the sole cost of the Owner(s). Owner(s) hereby agrees to save and hold the District harmless from any liability or costs arising out of such maintenance, repair and/or replacement of service lines to the property.

Unless other arrangements have been made by Owner(s) with the District prior to commencement of the work, Owner(s) acknowledges and agrees that upon receipt of the District’s invoice, the Owner(s) shall remit payment in full to the District’s office at 4611 Teak Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota 57703. Provided, however, if Owner(s) has made prior arrangements with the District, the District will schedule payments (plus a one-time service charge of ten percent [10%] of the total of the contractor’s invoice) in equal monthly installments (without interest), in accordance with payment schedule to be determined by District. **The plumbing on the effluent side of the meter will be the responsibility of the property**

owner. Owner(s) understands and agrees that in the event the District schedules a plumber to perform any plumbing on the effluent side of the meter for the homeowner and the homeowner does not remit payment of the total of the plumbing contractor's invoice, the District will apply the total of the contractor's invoice (plus a one-time charge of ten percent [10%] of the total of the contractor's invoice) to the owner(s) water and sewer account with the District. *Mark box below relevant to payment schedule.

Owner(s) understands and agrees that in the event he/she does not remit payments in accordance with the terms of this agreement, then in that event the District, upon thirty (30) days written notice, may terminate all further services to the above referenced property until payment in full is remitted to the District for the services rendered.

The District (except in case of an emergency) will give Owner(s) twenty-four (24) hour notice before entering upon Owner(s)' property to make any such maintenance, repair and/or replacement of service lines; however, the advance notice may be waived by the undersigned or other occupant of the premises if such maintenance, repair and/or replacement is necessary to avoid damage, contamination or interruption of services to the above referenced property.

A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve changes to water and sewer use ordinance attachment C. Diana Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MANGERS REPORT

2. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection: Water loss for the month was 8.46% but gallons lost was up from last month, with close to 4 million gallons lost. There was a substantial leak on Gemini street that a homeowner called in to report. That leak has been repaired and will hopefully show some improvement next month.

PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

3. Murphy Ranch Phase 10A Project: The sewer main along Highway 44 is complete and they are working on the sewer services and main within the project boundaries. The home at 6180 E Highway 44 is being hooked to sewer this week.

4. Quail Ridge Apartment Complex: KTM is working on preliminary water and sewer infrastructure for this project which consists of 260+ apartment units. The location is adjacent to the future Safeway property.

5. Apple Valley Water and Sewer Expansion: Site Works was getting elevations for the City's 42" sewer for our 21" connection. The project is on hold for construction at this time, the hearing was scheduled for August and has now been pushed back to September. Preliminary interior plans for Phase 1a and 1b have been received with 1a consisting of 20 homes and 1b consisting of 20 homes.

6. Proposed Housing Project Extension of Ennen Dr: Towey Design Group is running calculations on sewer flows for this project. This development is for approx. 118 single family homes. More information should be available by the next meeting.

7. Cottonwood Trailer Court Water Connection: SiteWorks is working on sewer installation on the interior portion of this project, and it will be a couple of months before they will start on the water main portion. The home at 6180 will be hooked up first, then the District, in cooperation with SiteWorks will be extending the remainder of the 8” water main to Cottonwood Trailer Court.

8. Creekside Apartment Complex Phase 2: The plans for phase 2 have been received, which will add another 177 units.

OTHER TOPICS

9. Houk Property Purchase: Mr. Houk stopped by and discussed the sale of the property. His request is \$175,000 to purchase or \$70,000 to adjust the permanent easement to allow a well location. The consensus of the group was to leave the easement agreement as is and not pursue the purchase at this time.

10. 2mg Water Reservoir, 12” Water Main and Madison Well Project: September 29th is the Board of Water and Natural Resources meeting where they will review the project and determine if a potential match will be awarded of up to 5 million dollars.

11. Rapid Valley Sanitary District and City of Rapid City Sewer Agreement and Proposed Amendment: The amendment has been received to include Green Valley Sanitary District as part of our agreement between RVSD and the City of Rapid City, and they have agreed to treat GVSD’s sewer effluent under the administration of RVSD. Legal counsel has reviewed the proposed amendment and has no objections. A motion was made by Dwight Peterson to approve the amendment. Shirley Haines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Elevate Regional Water Meeting Discussions for 5-year Outlook: A meeting was held August 26th with the City of Rapid City, Box Elder, SD DANR, Black Hawk Water District, SDEDA and others to discuss the regional study that SDEDA is coordinating with RESPEC to figure the PFA’s contamination and to figure out the infrastructure needs over the next 3-5 years to include water, sewer and transportation.

Miscellaneous Information:

- SDARWS Leadership training is November 9th and 10th at the Ramkota in Pierre
- Rusty and Sara attended the Box Elder Transformation Expo on August 25th
- The final module payment was made to Nanostone

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Bender
Office Operations Team Lead