

Franklin County Rural Water District #1
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024

PRESENT: Cathy Duderstadt, Dawn Rumford, Tom Wilson, Brad O'Dea, Gary Clark, David Alderman.

VISITORS: Harold Mayes, Agler & Gaeddert, Auditor.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Treasurer Rumford called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Brad moved that the May 2024 minutes be approved as presented. Gary seconded; motion carried.

3. 2023 AUDIT:

Harold Mayes presented the 2023 audit to the Board. He was very thorough, covering revenues, expenses, changes in net position, cash flow, and compared each to 2022. He found no bookkeeping issues in his preparation of the audit, and made no material recommendations to changes we should make accounting wise. The District is stable and strong financially, but as expected, matches income closely to outgo, so not a profit generating machine. Our capital is the only real area that generates income above expenses through improved interest rates.

4. OPERATOR'S REPORT:

Tom presented his report to the Board outlining his activities for the month of May/June. The skid pad for the tower pump house is late, company waiting for parts, may get it by the end of June. Tom has advertised for summer part time help, received 10 applicants, and thinks he has found a very good candidate. Lead/copper survey making some progress, about 35% of members have responded. Tom has signed up for a continuing education class, it will apply to his certification credit, he also plans to attend a strategic planning meeting in Lawrence on the 27th. Tom has his full Board summary report included in the board packet.

5. BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:

Cathy presented the financials for May to the Board. Good month, in both operations, and capital improvement. Cathy reviewed bills to pay, no CD renewals, accounts receivable, and past due, and answered board questions. Our insurance paid for the loss of the Thumper, some \$4,000+, so Tom plans to replace it one way or another. Gary moved to pay all bills, and approve the financial reports as presented. Brad seconded; motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Wyoming Road extension. Much discussion because the first benefit unit application,

approved by the engineers, but the only one with water capacity available currently, has not paid for the unit, so someone else may slip in ahead of them. We simply don't have a consensus on the method of financing the cost of improvements among the Board.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Four water applications, Hopkins, Rogers, Sheets, and Sink. All approved by engineers, David moved to approve, Gary seconded, motion passed.

Miami RWD#2 prepared several spread sheets comparing water rates locally and Eastern Kansas. We tend to be in the middle of the group, not lowest, or highest. Data will help in establishing the 2025 budget.

Picked the 5 winning customers who have filled out the lead and copper survey and are current on their water bill. They will receive one month's water free.

8. ADJOURN:

David moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Gary seconded; motion passed.