

Franklin County Rural Water District #1
Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017

PRESENT: David Alderman, Jake Jenkins, David Kaub, Keith McAdoo, Lance Town, Karen Walburn, Cathy Duderstadt, Bob McClay and Nicole Roecker.

GUESTS/MEMBERS: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Alderman at 7:00 p.m.

2. READING AND ADOPTING OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. David Kaub moved to accept the minutes as presented; Karen Walburn seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

3. OPERATOR'S REPORT

Bob McClay reported that he had to replace the tires on the truck. He also had to replace his flip phone with Verizon. Mueller Systems has informed him that they will be phasing out our current meters. He has been replacing several meters per month as they go bad. We have about 50 to be replaced under the terms of the warranty that he will send off soon.

He has installed one of the two meters requested on Tennessee Road. The second meter will require a line extension and a road crossing. We will replace the current ½-inch line with 2-inch line.

Bob had to order a special part for the meter being moved from under concrete on Hwy K-68 (Frings). Work should start on moving that meter out to the road next week.

The engineering firm is drafting plans for two more projects on our 5-year plan. Then Bob will seek bids.

The water tower radio malfunctioned over the weekend causing the tower not to refill as water was used. This affected a large customer base in the Wellsville area. He changed out the radio on Monday and filled the tower manually.

Russ Pitts is supposed to level the ground on Shawnee Road disturbed when they laid the new water line.

Nicole added that we should include funds in next year's budget for maintenance of the pump houses, including paint, doors, and replacing fascia board.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Cathy Duderstadt presented the August financial reports for review and approval. Keith McAdoo moved to accept the financial records and pay all bills as presented, including transferring \$3000 to the debit card account used by Bob; Lance Town seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5. BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Cathy Duderstadt reported that we had a RTCR drinking water monitoring Tier 3 violation under the guidelines of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. There is no fee, however we will have to issue a public notice no later than August 17, 2018. She will include this notice on the website and in the annual newsletter and provide proof to KDHE.

Cathy also reported that the event with the water tower this month highlighted the need for our district to have some type of emergency notification system. JUS has come out with a new emergency notification module that will send our client database in a CSV file to a notification vendor. Although our current website cannot use this file, Cathy has been in contact with RuralWaterImpact.com through the KRWA conference. By upgrading our website, we can use the JUS module to send an email and/or text message to those customers who provide that information to us. The one time cost for the JUS notification module is \$750. The cost to redirect our website to be hosted by RuralWaterImpact is \$299 one time set up charge and \$390 annual subscription. Keith McAdoo moved to purchase the JUS emergency alert module and the RuralWaterImpact website; Karen Walburn seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. WATER RATES

Lance Town believes the rates are unfair to industrial customers and continues to threaten litigation if the Board does not act to change the rates. Lance moved to roll back the industrial rates back to the 2016 rate of \$7.70 per 1000 gallons until the 2018 budget planning meeting. Jake Jenkins seconded the motion, and it carried 4-2.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF WATER IN KANSAS

November 8-9, 2017, Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan, Kansas

B. BENEFIT UNIT APPROVAL

- i. TDR Construction – 2 applications, engineering studies completed. Jake moved to approve both applications; David Kaub seconded motion. Discussion followed. TDR

Construction does not own the land for one of the applications. There were concerns expressed about providing 300,000 gallons per month to three different oil floods in such close proximity. Lance explained that he cannot imagine using 300,000 gallons per month for both new meters combined. Jake Jenkins withdrew motion.

- ii. Paint It, Inc. application. David Kaub moved to approve the application contingent upon the engineering study coming back with approval; Keith McAdoo seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.
- iii. Jake Jenkins moved to approve the application by TDR Construction for the land owned by Lance Town; David Kaub seconded the motion, and it passed 3-2. Lance Town abstained from voting. No action was taken on the other application by TDR Construction on land not owned by Lance or the corporation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Keith McAdoo moved to adjourn the meeting; Karen Walburn seconded and the motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.