

GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2023

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Paul Becker, David Hovendick, Doug Mohr, Gilbert Black, Les Windjue, Allen Johnson, Missy Abrahamson

OTHERS PRESENT: Lonnie Lacina, Nels Halgren, Krista Wold – GRWD; Sarah Sesselman - AE₂S

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by President Black at the District office.

Minutes from the January 12, 2023 regular meeting, February 7, 2023 special meeting and February 7, 2023 reorganizational meeting were reviewed. Motion by Becker, seconded by Hovendick to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Manager report

- **New pickup update** – Truck has been built and is waiting to be shipped. A 1-ton diesel truck was purchased from a private party.
- **Meters/base tower** – Meters are currently on backorder. Lacina stated the MRX system currently being used for reading meters is not functioning up to capability and he would like to have these issues resolved before migration to the gateway meter reading system.
- **Water expo** – Becker, Black and Lacina attended the expo and reported on the topics that were presented.
- **SWC hearing/contingency funding** – Lacina attending the SWC hearing on February 13, 2023 to discuss pipeline funding for the project. AE₂S engineer Sarah Sesselman also participated in the hearing via phone. Funding of \$5.2 million was awarded, along with \$600,000 in contingency funding.
- **North System Improvements update** – Sarah Sesselman, AE₂S reviewed the results of the February 7, 2023 pipeline project bid opening and explained the benefits of the poly vs PVC pipe. Sesselman recommended the DR17 poly pipe be awarded for the project. The supplier and Swanberg will hold pipe prices until the March 9 meeting as these numbers fluctuate daily. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Johnson to award the bid for Contract No. 2, Base Bid No. 1, and Alternates No. 1, 2 and 3 to Swanberg Construction and to authorize the President to sign the Notice of Award and agreement. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Change order No. 1 and facilities design options were discussed. There was considerable discussion on moving the Crary booster/reservoir to the Tri-West location to optimize operation.

Plant renovations were reviewed. Meeting was scheduled with Lacina to review updated plant design. Plans are to submit for the 2023-25 biennium.

Total project budget was reviewed. Request for approval of invoice of \$72,032.60 to AE₂S bringing final design to 25% and bidding to 5% completion was reviewed. Motion by Windjue, seconded by Hovendick to approve invoice for payment. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Office manager report

- **Financial report-** Final report for December, 2022 was reviewed. Motion to approve report was made by Becker, seconded by Johnson. **Motion carried.** January financial

report was reviewed and approved by motion of Windjue and second by Johnson. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

- **Designation of depositories** – Listing from 2022 was reviewed. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Windjue to approve the same depositories for 2023. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **Authorized check signers** – Motion by Mohr, seconded by Hovendick to remove Klemetsrud from the listing and to add Abrahamson as authorized check signers for the District. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **Pledging report – December 31, 2022** – The pledging report for December 31, 2022 was reviewed. Motion by Windjue, seconded by Abrahamson to approve the report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion.

Minutes Approved: _____ March 9, 2023 _____

Gilbert Black, President _____ (signed) _____

Krista Wold, Recorder _____ (signed by Sally Herda, Office Manager) _____