

GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Nels Halgren, Sally Herda – GRWD

The meeting was called to order at 7:59 a.m. by President Johnson at the District office.

Minutes from the May 7, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Black to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Manager Report

- **Expansion project**
 1. **Project update** – Halgren reported that contract documents have been sent to Peterson’s for completion. Once the contract documents and bonding are in place, the pre-con meeting will be scheduled, tentatively for the end of next week or the beginning of the following week. The NDDOT permits have been approved for work and crossings in the highway right of way. The only comments received on the sovereign land permit was from the Corps of Engineers and work will move forward as construction is in the highway right of way with secured permits. Peterson is currently working with Ellingson and his schedule for project work will be discussed at the pre-con meeting. Halgren reported that project construction work would likely begin after July 4 and there should be minimal crop damage. All easements, except one have been returned.
 2. **Forde estimate** – Construction cost estimate for service to Forde Township area was recalculated using the bid numbers, which significantly reduced the original estimate prepared for the area. The cost per users and new signup fees were reviewed and discussed. Halgren was requested to meet with those who previously had shown interest in receiving rural water to review new signup/cost share fees. A minimum of seven memberships must be received for project work to move forward to this area.
 3. **SWC – rural water funding update** – SWC water topics meeting being held today has \$37 million funding set aside, with \$21 million awarded and they will recommend which projects will move forward. Because of state funding shortfalls due to the pandemic and resulting economic downturn, the SWC is looking to release some of the funding. Some of the system managers have said they would wait to submit their applications. GRWD’s application was approved, but agreement says they will fund “as funds are available”. To date, the SWC has paid the grant portion of the costs from this project, which are mostly engineering.
- **Water use update** – Water demands have begun to increase due to spray season getting underway. GRWD is currently received 50 gpm from Northeast Regional Water District and 200 gpm from the City. GRWD is producing 5-600,000 gallons per day. GRWD still has 150 gpm from the City that could be requested if needed. Tri-County has put their hog barn on the Ramsey system and their usage has gone up significantly from the past few months. Some high chlorine complaints have been received from Starkweather and GRWD has flushed out some of the line from the NRWD connection. The next few weeks will see the big push for water.

- **Crary vote review**– Crary’s residents will be voting on June 9 to determine if the City will be turning over their water system to GRWD for individual metered connections. Voting is being done by mail due to the pandemic.

Office Manager Report

- **Accounts Payable** – Motion by Windjue, seconded by Becker to authorize payment of the May bills. **All directors voted aye and motion carried.**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>PROJECTS</u>
TOTALS	92,411.42	49,253.50	26,696.40

- **Financial report**– Financial and expansion reports for May were reviewed. It was noted that the internal loan for the Scoobys’ sewer system was paid off per approval at the May meeting with the general ledgers reflecting the same. Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Mohr to approve the reports. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **2019 audit** – The 2019 audit was emailed to the directors and was briefly discussed. Directors will review the audit with audit approval to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.
- **CD due 6/27/20** – Motion by Becker, seconded by Black authorizing president Johnson and Herda to reinvest the funds. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Membership Termination

- **Steve Mitchell – Assembly Grounds, Blk 17, Lot 11** - nonpayment, theft of service. Motion by Windjue, seconded by Hovendick to terminate service to this location and turn unpaid bill into collections. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

The July meeting will be held July 9, 2020 at 8 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 8:58 a.m.

Minutes Approved: _____ July 8, 2020 _____

Allen Johnson, President _____ (signed) _____

Sally Herda, Office Manager _____ (signed) _____