

# GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2020

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nels Halgren, Sally Herda – GRWD

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

Minutes from the September 10, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Black to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

## Manager Report

- **New WTP furnace proposal** – Halgren obtained 2 proposals to replace the furnace at the water treatment plant as there have been issues with the current furnace and unavailability of needed electric elements. Bid of \$4,490 was received from Klemetsrud for furnace replacement complete with required electrical work. Lake Region Sheet Metal provided a bid of \$5,840 with bid not including the electrical work. Motion by Windjue, seconded by Hovendick to accept the \$4,490 bid of Klemetsrud Plumbing & Heating. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **Dakota Dry Bean** – Halgren stated he been contacted by Dakota Dry Bean for water service at an additional site east of their current location. Operation of the proposed plant will be 24/7 with water needs of 60-80 gpm on a continuous flow basis. Bartlett & West is continuing to update the modeling of current system hydraulics to get a better handle on the overall demand for water and availability to serve this operation. Halgren is waiting for further information from Dakota Dry Bean and once an application for service is submitted, it is likely some type of study would need to be completed based on what the needs of the plant would be. Halgren stated the proposed site is in a good location for water service.
- **Lakota discussion** – The City of Lakota continues to be served through Tri-County due to a line break that has not been repaired. At present, Tri-County is under a 75 gpm contract with the District. An additional 125 gpm was initially reserved for 5 years as a permanent supply for Lakota. Since 5 years has passed without Lakota making the changeover to rural water, the additional allotment has expired and contract reverted to 75 gpm. This past year, Tri-County has been purchasing water from McVille to supplement most of their needs on a day to day basis. Usage has been approximately 5,000 gallons per day, except during spray season where daily usage was approximately 70,000 gallons. With Lakota buying water from Tri-County, continuous flow is approximately 65gpm with high flow rates near 200 gpm. Tri-County's manager Blessum had visited with Lakota's auditor and learned that Lakota has applied for the governor's emergency funds to run a new line. Timeline of the Lakota grant funding/construction was discussed, along with the effect of Tri-County's usage on GRWD's operation and overall water demand. Tri-County currently purchases water at a rate of \$3.92/1000 gallons and includes \$.50 for the Pare tower. The directors will wait until additional information is received concerning the water needs of the Dakota Dry Bean to better assess the District's water supply, especially during times of peak demand.
- **Crary discussion** – Staff is currently locating the curb stops and are finding that they seem to be pretty close to the maps that were provided. Curb stops are being gps'd and put on GRWD's mapping system. Most of the curb stops should be done within the next week. The auditor has not turned over the list of billing accounts yet. Work on the

agreement has not started yet and Halgren stated he will hold off until he sees how many accounts Crary serves.

- **Expansion project update, pay estimate #3, base rates** – Halgren reported that all the water samples have passed and the West Bay Heights area is currently receiving rural water. The area has been seeded and delineators are back in place. Halgren stated the construction area looks good and he is happy with the water pressure they have seen at one of the cleanouts as well as the meter in one of the houses. A cleanout at the end of the line is showing 30-35 psi and is at a higher elevation. All the full-time meters are installed and one of the campgrounds is currently connected. Overall, project has turned out well for the District. Buildup of deposits in the existing line was not as bad as originally thought it might be. Staff have been putting radios on the meters and plan to read for start of billing. The final portion of the project is to tie into the airport area. The line has been bored under the highway, but hasn't been hooked up yet. The tie-in should be completed by the end of the month. Pay estimate #3, in the amount of \$92,229.05 was presented and recommended for payment by Halgren. Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Black to approve pay estimate #3, \$92,229.05 for payment. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**. Project costs were reviewed to determine the base rates that need to be assessed for the local share of the project. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Windjue to charge \$45 for standard, \$25 seasonal and campgrounds at a rate in line with others throughout the system. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

#### Office Manager Report

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

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>PROJECTS</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>87,913.26</b>	<b>13,098.46</b>	<b>113,692.87</b>

- **Financial report**– Financial and expansion reports for September were reviewed. Motion by Windjue seconded by Hovendick to approve the reports. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **Pledge of assets report** – Report was reviewed reflecting changes in July to the depository banks and additional pledging required following the changes in balances. Motion to approve the report was made by Becker and seconded by Mohr. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

#### Membership termination

- **Preston Stewart** – 116 Southam Rd, Southam – Motion by Hovendick, seconded by Windjue to terminate membership due to nonpayment. **Motion carried** unanimously.

#### Other Business

- **Ackerman** – water service to commercial area – There was some discussion on putting in a larger line that will accommodate the area and reduce the number of connections to the transmission line.
- **Valve work near Rest Area** – Halgren hasn't met with the landowner yet and stated the valve placement would be completed next year.
- **State inspection** – The state inspector recently passed through the area and inspected the Pare tower, treatment plant and other infrastructure of the District.

The November meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2020 at 8 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ November 5, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Allen Johnson, President \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Sally Herda, Office Manager \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_