

Rural Water District No. 1  
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2023

At 6:45 pm Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and called for roll call. Directors present at roll call were: Director Wright, Director Bland, Director Wehrman, Director Dolezal, Director Teppe, Director Griffith-Hughes, Director Robbins, and Director Teppe. Director Larson absent.

Staff present: Quintin Vague, Terry Ranker, Angela Naegele, and Roxanne Stevenson. Others present: Leslee Rivarola (consultant), and Katrine Colder.

Chairman Wright called for public comment. Ms. Katrine Kolder offered public comment.

Chairman Wright called for the consent agenda. There was a question about where to find benefit unit transfers within the board packet. Chairman Wright is intending to discuss Saline 7 and a conversation with Brad Kelley during Board Member Reports. Director Bland motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Director Wehrman seconded. All members present voted affirmatively.

Chairman Wright called for any corrections or discussion on the minutes. Director Dolezal motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Teppe seconded. All members present voted affirmatively.

Chairman Wright called for the next item on the agenda – the bills to be paid. Noting there were benefit unit transfers this month. Chairman Wright asked if the County could be included in the future. Discussion continued regarding new benefit units.

At 6:59 pm Director Ralph Larson joined the meeting by phone.

Director Bland made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$128,265.80. Director Christy seconded. All members voted affirmatively. Chairman Wright called for the next item on the agenda for the High Service Pump #2 Check Valve Replacement. Mr. Terry Ranker presented the item including price and recommendation for replacement. He said the quote of \$9838.55 is good through the end of the month. Director Griffith-Hughes motioned to have B & B Services replace the Check Valve. Discussion followed with questions between board members and Mr. Ranker. Several questions about process and condition were raised. Director Griffith-Hughes restated her motion. Director Larson asked to follow the bidding process. Discussion continued and additional questions were asked and answered between the board and staff. Chairman Wright called for a second. Director Dolezal seconded the motion. All members present voted affirmatively. Director Teppe thanked staff and asked staff to make sure they are bidding work but again thanked the staff for all of their work in

bringing these items to the Board. Board members agreed and there was discussion regarding the process and procuring services and bids.

The board inquired about the raw water pump. A discussion regarding its condition, the status of the repair, warranty, and when it would be in working condition continued. Mr. Ranker provided information about the raw water pump. Discussion continued.

There was discussion regarding the intake at the lake.

Maria Dressman with Elliot Insurance joined the meeting on Teams at 7:33 pm. Jim Stewart with Elliot Insurance joined the meeting on Teams at 7:34 pm. They introduced themselves and provided the proposed insurance renewal. He asked if they wanted to go through an itemized review of property. The Chairman asked for an itemized review of the property that is insured. Mr. Stewart reviewed the dividend program which is a benefit provided by EMC insurance. Mr. Stewart reviewed the property, casualty, and liability insurance policy renewal. There was discussion and questions between the board and the insurance brokers with a thorough review of all covered property, premiums, and policy coverages and limits, deductibles, including exclusions, depreciation, settlements, and replacement values. There was discussion regarding equipment that is covered and the values. There was also discussion on the insurance deductibles and that they are per occurrence. The renewal date is June 10, 2023. The board will review the policy and coverages over the next month to make a decision.

Director Griffith-Hughes asked for a break. The chairman called for a 10 minute break at 8:42 pm.

Director Wright reconvened the meeting at 8:53 pm. Board checked to see if Director Larson was still on the phone. He did not respond.

Chairman Wright asked Quintin Vague to address on-call suggestions. Mr. Vague said the distribution staff discussed the on-call as it is currently structured. The employees have requested consideration to maintain the 7-day on call period but to increase the pay for being on call from 4 hours to 8 hours. Discussion followed. Director Griffith-Hughes motioned to move to 8 hours of gratuitous pay for on-call from the current 4 hours. There was discussion. The motion was seconded by Director Bland. Director Wehrman voted against the motion. All other members present voted affirmatively.

There was discussion regarding mowing district-owned facilities. Some board members requested a list of properties to be mowed and to get pricing from companies who could mow.

Chairman Wright called for the office report. Staff had no additional information to present.

Chairman Wright moved onto the board member reports. Chairman Wright indicated he spoke to Brad Kelley of PureField. The City of Russell is planning to cut back on PureField's water by 25% and Mr. Kelley inquired if Post Rock could provide additional water. Discussion followed.

Chairman Wright brought up Saline 7's contract noting Saline 7 wanted to be able to secure more water and was willing to enter into a new agreement with minimum and maximum requirements. Discussion followed, including discussion regarding contract minimum and contract maximums for contracts of the District.


Director Wehrman inquired about the assets and liabilities report. Director Wehrman requested the pledges and securities report be stricken from future packets because the District does not have any debt.

There was discussion among the board regarding late fees on water bills and other fees for the district, including collection activities. Discussion continued. Ms. Rivarola was directed to contact legal counsel to request his attend the next board meeting.

Director Wehrman requested an update on the recruitment efforts. Ms. Rivarola provided a brief update.

At 9:43 pm Director Dolezal motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Christy seconded the motion. All members present voted affirmatively.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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