

Rural Water District No. 1  
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2023

At 6:35 pm, Chairman Martin Bland noting a quorum called the regular board meeting to order.

Roll Call: Directors present were Martin Bland, Butch Teppe, Jon Wright, Howard Wehrman, Ralph Larson, John Dolezal, and Joel Christy.

Directors not Present: Brad Miller and Kayla Errebo.

Others Present: Leslee Rivarola (Virtual), Doug Janssen, and Kendra Neuman in the District Office.

Guests: Katrine Kolder.

At 6:36 pm, Chairman Bland called for the public comment section of the agenda. Ms. Kolder provided public comment to the Board.

At 6:40 pm, Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Wehrman mentioned the District's loan. He would like to add a discussion to the agenda regarding paying it off. Director Christy made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the discussion of the District's loan as agenda item #5.5. Seconded by Vice Chairman Wright. Motion carried.

Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the draft minutes from the January meeting. Following discussion no motion was made to approve the minutes and they were tabled.

At 6:53 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #4, the Expense Report and Bills. Director Christy called for a motion to approve and pay the bills, not to exceed the amount of \$202,937.66. Seconded by Director Teppe. Motion carried.

At 7:10 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #5 on the agenda, the 2023 Budget. Discussion followed. Mr. Janssen noted the Budget Committee met with him during the month. They went over the 2023 Budget line by line. There were a couple of questions raised regarding office salaries. Some funds were not in the correct expense accounts. Those have been fixed. He also noted there has not been a bill received from the District's accountant for 2022. Members reviewed the budget. Chairman Bland advised the board to jump to the next item before approving the budget.

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At 8:06 Chairman Bland called for Item #5.5 which was added to the agenda. Director Wehrman would like the board to consider paying off the loan. Discussion followed. Director Wehrman made a motion to pay off the loan not to exceed \$334,091. Director Teppe seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:10 pm, Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the 2023 Budget which was presented as Item #5 on the agenda. Vice Chairman Wright made a motion to approve the 2023 budget. Director Wehrman seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:16 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #6 on the agenda, the feasibility of a connection with Mitchell 2. Chairman Bland asked if there were any updates. Ms. Rivarola said she heard back from the USDA. Post Rock no longer qualifies for the grant. There were updates to the requirements. The District no longer qualifies due to the most recent census. The Board can continue exploring a connection, but it would be at the District's expense. Discussion followed. No action taken.

At 8:30 pm Chairman Bland called for a break.

At 8:40 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #7 on the agenda. Chairman Bland wanted to mention to the board he had some questions about auditor's comments on the employee benefits and what the auditor had found. Chairman Bland reached out to the auditor. He updated the board and read the letter he received from the auditor regarding his questions. The issue was resolved as noted in agenda item #5.

Mr. Janssen presented the General Manager's report along with the Distribution and Plant reports. After Mr. Janssen finished the reports, Ms. Neuman presented the Office Manager's Report.

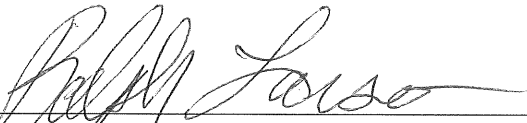
At 9:42 pm, Chairman Bland called for an Executive Session for five (5) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319(b) (1); to include all board members present, Ms. Rivarola, and Mr. Janssen. Director Christy made a motion and Vice Chairman Wright seconded. Motion carried.


At 9:47 pm, the Board of Directors reconvened in open session.

At 9:48 pm, Director Dolezal made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Director Christy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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