

Rural Water District No. 1  
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2023

At 6:45 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, Kayla Errebo, John Dolezal, and Joel Christy.

Directors not Present: Brad Miller.

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

Guests: Mike Groszek with TBCO and Katrine Kolder. Ryan Cook with Angel Accounting attended virtually.

At 6:46 pm, Chairman Bland called for the public comment section of the agenda. Ms. Kolder provided public comment.

At 6:52 pm, Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Larson mentioned the District's upcoming Annual Meeting in February. He would like to add a discussion of the voting rules to the "Reports" section of the agenda. Vice Chairman Wright made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the discussion of the annual meeting rules and by-laws. Seconded by Director Christy. Motion carried.

Director Teppe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December's Board Meeting. Vice Chairman Wright seconded. Motion carried.

At 6:59 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #4, the Expense Report and Bills to be paid. Director Christy called for a motion to approve and pay the bills, not to exceed the amount of \$211,458.55. Seconded by Director Dolezal. Motion carried.

At 7:03 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #5 on the agenda, 2021 Audit Review presented by Mr. Groszek from TBCO. Mr. Groszek presented the audit report for 2021. He said there were no rate increases in 2021. There was an increase in water sales. The operating statement shows an increase of 6.7% which included the FEMA money received in 2021. The 2022 audit should be scheduled in the coming months. Mr. Cook, the District's accountant, attended the meeting virtually in case there were questions on the audit.

Mr. Groszek left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

At 7:18 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #6 on the agenda, the Russell Supply of Water Agreement Discussion. No new information to report.

At 7:19 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #7 on the agenda, the feasibility of a connection with Mitchell 2. The Board directed Ms. Rivarola to provide an update at the next meeting.

At 7:21 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #8 on the agenda. Mr. Janssen presented the General Manager's report along with the Distribution and Plant reports. Ms. Neuman presented the Office Manager's Report.

At 8:26 pm, Chairman Bland called for the discussion of the Annual meeting which was added to the agenda. Discussion followed to seek clarification on who receives a ballot, who can vote, and how nominations are made. Discussion followed around a by-law change to add McPherson County to one of the voting areas. The Board directed Ms. Rivarola to reach out to the District's legal counsel for voting procedures and by-law amendment.

At 8:58 pm Mr. Cook left the meeting.

At 8:59 pm Chairman Bland called for a ten-minute break.

At 9:11 pm, Chairman Bland called for an Executive Session for ten (10) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319(b) (1); to include all board members present and Ms. Rivarola. Vice Chairman Wright made a motion and Director Christy seconded. Motion carried. At 9:22 pm the Board of Directors reconvened into open session.

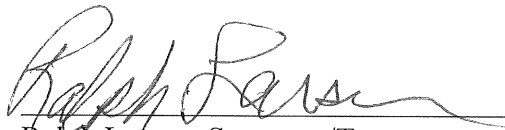
At 9:23 pm, Director Teppe made a motion to extend the executive session for fifteen (15) minutes. Director Christy seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:39 pm, the Board of Directors reconvened in open session having taken no action during the executive session.

At 9:40 pm, Vice Chairman Wright made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Director Christy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer

6-20-23  
Date