Rural Water District No. 1 Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District Regular Meeting Minutes July 16, 2024

At 6:42 pm, Chairman Bland called the meeting to order and called for roll call. Directors present at roll call: Director Christy, Director Teppe, Director Dolezal and Director Griffith were present.

Directors not present: William Robbins and Howard Wehrman

Staff present: Jon Wright, Angela Naegele, and Roxanne Stevenson Others present: Leslee Rivarola (consultant), Raymond Splitter

Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Teppe motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Director Griffith seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Bland called for discussion on the minutes from the July 16, 2024 regular meeting. Director Christy motioned to approve the minutes. Director Griffith seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Bland and the board discussed benefit unit transfers.

Chairman Bland called for Item #4, Expense Report and bills to be paid. Director Christy motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$145,866.65. Director Dolezal seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Bland called for Item #5, Employee Handbook. Discussion followed. Director Griffith motioned to adopt the revisions and changes suggested by Mr. Wright, including adding Presidents Day as a paid holiday. Director Teppe seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Bland called for Item #6, Saline #7. Discussion followed. Mr. Wright explained that Saline #7 requests a five-year contract with a Maximum of 1.25 million gallons and a Minimum of 750,000 gallons. Mr. Wright also suggested installing a flow restrictor.

Chairman Bland called for Item #7, New Services. Discussion followed concerning the option of receiving water from Mitchell County. Mr. Wright suggested using a dole valve or a sustaining valve on the pasture meters. The consensus was to have a further water study done and contact legal counsel concerning documentation for using the dole valves and/or sustaining valves. Director Griffith motioned to approve the 24 new services that had been approved by the engineer. Director Christy seconded the motion. No action taken. Discussion continued. Director Griffith motioned to place a moratorium on all new applications beginning July 17,

2024, reviewed monthly. Director Christy seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Director Griffith motioned to seek legal counsel concerning dole valves and/or sustaining valves on the pasture services. Director Dolezal seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Bland called for an 8-minute break at 7:42 pm.

At 8:55 pm Chairman Bland called for Item #8, General Manager's Report. Mr. Wright delivered the report. Mr. Wright attended a meeting in Salina for the Kansas Water Authority. They were gathering information on reservoirs, aquifers, and quality drinking water. Mr. Wright reported that Distribution has installed multiple new services. Mr. Wright reported that he ordered a 2024 Ford F350 pickup from Long McArthur Salina, KS. The purchase price is \$48,475.00. Mr. Wright met with the Ellsworth city administrator concerning the water contract. They would like Post Rock RWD to pay for the line to run to their treatment plant. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to not pay for the line. Mr. Wright reported that we will begin the Water Line Free Chlorine Flushing July 22, 2024. Mr. Wright is gathering information on the maintenance that has been done in the past on the water towers.

Director Griffith motioned to have Raymond Splitter replace Jon Wright's position on the Board of Directors. Director Dolezal seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

At 9:27 pm, Director Dolezal made a motion to adjourn. Director Griffith seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted:

Date