

Rural Water District No. 1
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023

At 6:40 pm Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and called for roll call. Directors present at roll call: Director Wright, Director Bland, Director Wehrman, Director Christy, Director Larson, Director Griffith-Hughes. Director Robbins, Director Dolezal and Director Teppe was absent.

Staff present: Angela Naegele, Roxanne Stevenson, Quintin Vague, and Terry Ranker. Others present: Leslee Rivarola (consultant), Steven Ellis (PureField Ingredients).

Chairman Wright called for public comment and no one addressed the board.

Chairman Wright called for the consent agenda. Director Griffith-Hughes asked if the public comment should be revised to include the topic the individual wanted to discuss. Discussion followed. Director Griffith Hughes motioned to amend the May 16, 2023 minutes to reflect that Ms. Colder spoke offered public comment on the transfer fee. Director Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Director Bland voting against the motion.

Director Griffith-Hughes asked if the minutes should reflect the Chairman Bland motioned to accept the consent agenda as published. Director Christy seconded the motion. All Directors presented voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Wright called for discussion on the bills to be paid. Discussion followed regarding a few items. Director Bland motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$249,506.96. Director Larson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Wright introduced Steven Ellis from PureField Ingredients. Mr. Ellis introduced himself and discussed PureField Ingredients water needs. A lengthy discussion followed and multiple items were discussed including the R9 Ranch project, the City of Russell water agreement to supply water; previous discussions between the Board and PureField Ingredients; feasibility studies for interconnections between Post Rock and Mitchell County RWD; engineering and capital infrastructure. Mr. Ellis thanked the board for their time and said he had several items he would follow up on and be back in touch with Chairman Wright. At 7:43 pm Mr. Ellis left the meeting.

Chairman Wright called for the next item on the agenda the Diver Tank Inspection at Raw Water Station. Mr. Terry Ranker presented the item. Discussion continued regarding the process, the bid, and this being annual routine maintenance. Director Griffith-Hughes asked if this was budgeted. Ms. Rivarola responded it is in the budget but exceeds Mr. Ranker's spending authority. Director Griffith-Hughes motioned to approve the diver inspection not to exceed

\$2,000. Director Bland seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Wright called for the next item on the agenda the 2023 Tank Maintenance Project. Mr. Quintin Vague presented the item. Discussion followed Martin Bland motioned to accept the bid from Viking. Director Griffith-Hughes inquired about insurance coverage and liability under certain conditions. Director Christy seconded the motion. Discussion continued. Chairman Wright called the question. All members present voted in favor with the exception of Director Griffith-Hughes.

Chairman Wright called for the next item on the agenda the 6" Exposed Line Project. Mr. Quintin Vague presented the item to the Board of Directors. Discussion followed about the bids received and the approach to the project. Following discussion, Chairman Wright requested Quintin get some additional information by providing some details. Chairman Wright asked for the item to be returned next month.

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Vague to discuss AMRs in the District. Discussion followed.

The board had general discussion about the status of obtaining mowing bids for certain district-owned property and placement of ads.

Chairman Wright called for a 10-minute break at 8:20 pm noting no further questions for staff members Quintin Vague and Terry Ranker he excused them to leave if they wanted.

Chairman Wright called the meeting back to order at 8:36 pm.

Chairman Wright noted no attorney report.

Chairman Wright mentioned Saline 7 under board member reports and Director Wright said he would invite Saline 7 to an upcoming meeting. Discussion followed regarding Saline 7 and their water usage, water needs, current water purchase agreement, and a potential revised agreement.

Director Larson inquired the status of implementing AMRs throughout the remaining counties in the District (excluding Saline and Ellsworth) and asked if the District could consider lease-purchase with the AMR provider. Director Christy inquired about property owners who pay to have their meters read monthly by District staff. No formal action was taken on AMRs.

Chairman Wright shared with the Board of Directors he recently approved Quintin order 2" pipe for a service installation. Discussion followed among the board regarding the location of the project. Discussion continued regarding meter and service installations and what information customers provide to determine if the District can furnish the water. Ms. Naegele noted the hydraulic study and that certain information is requested from the applicant. No formal action was taken by the board following discussion.

Chairman Wright directed the Board to the draft notice to owners who had transferred benefit units. Ms. Naegele confirmed the notice would be sent to all owners who had not already paid the benefit unit transfer fee of which there are approximately 7 customers. Discussion continued among the Board with Ms. Naegele about accepting payments. No formal action was taken the general consensus was if someone needed to make a couple of payments that would be acceptable.

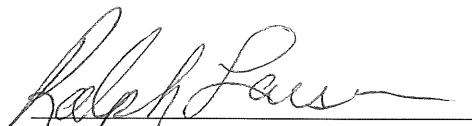
The Board had discussion regarding the lead and copper compliance requirements from KDHE that is upcoming.

Director Larson inquired about the status of recruitment for the General Manager position. Chairman Wright stated the personnel committee would resume its effort to find a candidate. Chairman Wright discussed a potential candidate for distribution as an option to read meters and perform tasks that take away from distribution's other responsibilities. Ms. Rivarola will reach out to phone interview the candidate. Discussion continued on the District's staffing needs and whether to change the focus of recruitment from a General Manager to a Superintendent to ensure the District gets a working manager who is able to help in the field and at the plant. Discussion followed with no formal action.

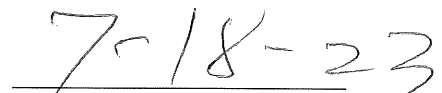
At 9:18 pm Chairman Wright called for a motion to adjourn. Director Griffith-Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Bland seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer



Date