

Rural Water District No. 1
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021

At 6:35 pm, Chairman Kayla Errebo noting a quorum called the regular board meeting to order and Ms. Condit took roll call.

Director's present were Kayla Errebo, Ralph Larson, Joel Christy, Howard Wehrman, and Butch Teppe.

Directors not Present: Martin Bland, John Dolezal and Brad Miller

Others Present: Louis Funk, Leslee Rivarola, Doug Janssen, Terry Ranker, Don Browning, and Sharon Condit

Guest: None

Director Bland joined the meeting at 6:36 pm.

At 6:36 pm, Chairman Errebo introduced Mr. Jon Wright. Mr. Wright is requesting to join the board of directors to fill the vacancy in Lincoln and Ottawa Counties. Chairman Errebo asked Mr. Wright to give a brief background of his experiences. Chairman Errebo called for a motion to appoint Jon Wright to fill the remaining term of the vacant position. Secretary/Treasurer Larson made a motion to appoint Jon Wright to fill the remaining term in Lincoln and Ottawa Counties with the term expiring February 2022. Seconded by Vice Chairman Bland. Motion carried.

At 6:38 pm, Chairman Errebo called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Director Larson expressed his concern that the dollar amount of the secondary water source project was not stated in the minutes. After a brief discussion, Chairman Errebo requested we move to Item #3 on the agenda.

Director Dolezal joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.

At 6:45 pm, Chairman Errebo called for Item #3 on the agenda. Mr. Louis Funk the District engineer introduced Mr. Brad Vincent, Geologist with Groundwater Associates. Mr. Vincent then took the floor and gave a brief history of Groundwater Associates. His father started the business and Mr. Vincent grew up working and learning the business from his father. Mr. Vincent explained to the board of directors the reason why well drillers are chosen when drilling for quality drinking water vs drilling for water that is not used for drinking purposes. He explained the formation of the aquifer and how a well driller has the feel of the aquifer and the formation. He explained the electric logging process, the spacing needed between test sites, and

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the process of pulling water samples. Mr. Vincent answered questions from the board of directors and with no further questions, Mr. Vincent departed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

At 7:30 pm, Chairman Errebo called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Director Christy made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Director Teppe. Motion carried.

At 7:35 pm, Chairman Errebo called for Item #4 on the agenda. Mr. Doug Janssen, Water Plant Operator presented Project 1 – High Service Pump, to the board of directors. Mr. Janssen explained to the board of directors the Option 1 and Option 2 for the high service pump. After a brief discussion, Chairman Errebo called for a motion on Item #4 Project 1 on the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Larson made a motion to approve Project 1 with Option 2 and accept the bid from Layne Christensen Company not to exceed the amount of \$18,614.00. Seconded by Vice Chairman Bland. Motion carried.

Mr. Janssen moved to Project 2 – Backwash Pump. The backwash pump is located at base of the stairs. The stuffing box is severely corroded and needs to be replaced. The current model is a Valley model 20 MSL single stage vertical turbine pump with 12” column, 14” discharge and 3/60/460V ODP 1150 rpm NRR vertical motor. Mr. Janssen is requesting that while the motor is off the stuffing box, the pump needs to be pulled and inspected/repared, if necessary. This project is a matter of timing for work to be done as the plant will continue to run and will have to be done between filter washes. The time frame could be from 24-48 hours depending on current operations. After a brief discussion, Chairman Errebo called for a motion to accept the bid from Layne Christensen Company and perform the work described on the backwash pump. Secretary/Treasurer Larson made a motion to accept the bid from Layne Christensen Company not to exceed the amount of \$49,979.00. Seconded by Vice Chairman Bland. Motion carried.

At 8:00 pm, Chairman Errebo called for Item #5 on the agenda. Ms. Condit explained that the Water Purchase Agreement and the Construction Agreement has been reviewed by Mr. Funk, Ms. Rivarola, Ms. Condit, and Mr. Luckman and that all agree on the agreements. If there are no questions, Ms. Condit’s recommendation to the board is to authorize Chairman Errebo to execute the agreements. Chairman Errebo called for a motion. Director Teppe made a motion to authorize Chairman Errebo to execute the Water Purchase Agreement and the Construction Agreement. Seconded by Director Dolezal. Motion carried.

At 8:05 pm, Chairman Errebo called for Item #6 on the agenda. Ms. Condit reminded the board of directors of the request from the April 2021, meeting to research information as to what has

previously been done on a Rural Water Fire Policy. Ms. Condit presented to the board of directors the minutes from February 14, 1984, meeting and a Post Rock Policy concerning Rural Fire Departments. **“See Attachment A”**. After a brief discussion, the board requested an explanation from Allan Soetaert, General Manager, for Water 7 Johnson County as to the policy Water 7 has in place when working with Rural Fire Departments.

At 8:10 pm, Mr. Funk, Mr. Ranker, Mr. Janssen and Mr. Browning departed the meeting.

At 8:11 pm, Chairman Errebo called for Item #7 on the agenda. Chairman Errebo asked if there were any questions on the bills to be approved and paid. Ms. Condit made a recommendation, if no questions, to pay the bills not to exceed the amount of One hundred nine thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars and ninety-two cents (\$109,194.92). Director Dolezal made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay the bills in the amount not to exceed the amount of One hundred nine thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars and ninety-two cents (\$109,194.92). Seconded by Director Wright. Motion carried.

At 8:15 pm, Chairman Errebo called for Item #8 on the agenda. Ms. Condit presented the three quotes for Health Insurance from Blue Cross Blue Shield to the board of directors. After a brief discussion, the board chose to stay with the current plan. Chairman Errebo called for a motion. Director Teppe made a motion to stay with the current health insurance plan (Gold Plan). Seconded by Vice Chairman Bland. Motion carried.

At 8:20 pm, Chairman Errebo called for Item #9 on the agenda. Ms. Condit presented the Renewal Proposal from EMC. She explained, the total cost of premium for 20-21 year was \$48,323 and the total cost of premium for 21-22 year is \$52,091. This is an increase of \$3,768; however, we received a dividend in the amount of \$4,443.66. The premium for the 21-22 year is \$52,091, which is \$8,409 under budget. Chairman Errebo called for a motion to approve the Renewal Proposal. Director Wright made a motion to approve the Renewal Proposal from EMC in the amount of \$52,091 for the 2021-2022 year. Seconded by Director Dolezal. Motion carried.

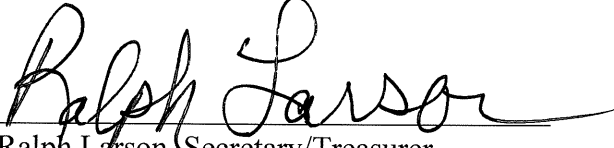
At 8:30 pm, Chairman Errebo called for any reports.

At 8:30 pm, Chairman Errebo called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Wehrman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Director Christy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Respectively Submitted:



Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer

Date