

Rural Water District No. 1  
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2020

At 6:30 pm, Chairman Brad Miller noting a quorum called the regular board meeting to order.

Directors present were Brad Miller, Kayla Errebo, Ralph Larson, Martin Bland, Howard Wehrman, John Dolezal (present in the District Office). Butch Teppe, Joel Christy (Virtual)

Directors not Present:

Others Present: Leslee Rivarola, (virtual), Quintin Vague, Terry Ranker, and Sharon Condit (in the District Office)

Guest: Mike Groszek, Auditor with Troutt Beeman & Company, P.C., and Morgan Nitsch (in the District Office)

At 6:33 pm, Chairman Miller called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Director Dolezal made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Director Wehrman. Motion carried.

At 6:35 pm, Chairman Miller introduced Mr. Mike Groszek with Troutt Beeman and Mr. Groszek presented the Independent Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements for the Year End 2019 and 2018 to the board of directors. In the opinion of the audit firm, the financial statements were presented fairly in the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Rural Water District No. 1 Ellsworth County, Kansas as of December 31, 2019 and 2018. The respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Mr. Groszek called for questions and answered a couple of questions from the board members. Mr. Groszek expressed to the board that they enjoyed working with the staff and the local accounting firm.

Mr. Groszek departed the meeting at 6:55 pm.

At 7:00 pm, Chairman Miller called for the Financial Report and approval of the bills. Ms. Condit presented the financial report and called for any questions on the current invoices to be paid. Vice President Errebo made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay the bills in the amount not to exceed one hundred twenty thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars and thirteen cents. (\$120,756.13). Seconded by Director Dolezal. Motion carried.

At 7:15 pm, Chairman Miller called for Item number 4 on the agenda. Mr. Quintin Vague explained to the board of directors the purpose and the different ways for utilizing Hydrovac Equipment. After a period of discussion about the Hydrovac Equipment, Chairman Miller called for a motion to obtain quotes for the Hydrovac Equipment. Director Bland made a motion to authorize Mr. Vague to obtain quotes not to exceed the amount of \$25,000. Seconded by Vice Chairman Errebo. Motion carried.

At 7:30 pm, Chairman Miller explained to the board of directors that Ms. Rivarola had requested from Mr. Vague and Mr. Ranker to outline a list of improvements in the distribution system and the water treatment plant. Mr. Vague presented the following improvements: Replace one (1) mile of four (4) inch line north of Waldo, replace two (2) miles of six inch line between BPS#6 and tower #6, replace BPS #7 facility with the possibility of duplicating the facility at BPS #2, replace piping in the Gorham, Luray and Dorrance meter vaults and AMR/AMI. After a brief discussion and questions from the board of directors, Chairman Miller requested that Mr. Vague obtain pricing for the above improvements by the November meeting.

At 8:00 pm, Chairman Miller requested Mr. Ranker outline the list of improvements at the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Ranker presented the following improvements: Maintenance on the current backwash pump, filter effluent valve, pump #2 at the raw water station and the installation of VFD Controls and Check Valves for pump #2, Air Scour Valve, Filter Head Loss Gauges, Wastewater Reclamation Pump, high speed internet and server to backup computers at the treatment plant. After a brief discussion and questions from the board of directors, it was determined that some of the improvements for the treatment plant are in need of immediate replacement. Chairman Miller requested that Mr. Ranker obtain pricing for the above improvements by the November meeting.

Mr. Quintin Vague and Mr. Terry Ranker departed the meeting at 8:34 pm.

At 8:35 pm, Chairman Miller requested a 10-minute recess.

At 8:45 pm, the meeting reconvened.

At 8:46 pm, Director Bland asked Ms. Rivarola, if the search for a General Manager was ongoing and if there were any potential candidates. Ms. Rivarola explained that yes, the search is ongoing and that she has visited with a potential candidate.

At 9:02 pm, Chairman Miller called for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Director Larson made a motion to recess into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319(b) (1); further that all board members and Ms. Rivarola and Ms. Condit was included in the Executive Session. Seconded by Director Bland. Motion carried.

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At 9:17 pm, the meeting reconvened in open session. No action taken.

At 9:20 pm, Chairman Miller called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Director Dolezal. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer

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