

Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System

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Meeting Minutes

April 24th, 2023

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) System Board of Commissioners was held at the LPRW Office in Lake Benton, MN, on Monday, April 24th, 2023; and was available for viewing/participating via Zoom video/teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board Chair Joe Weber. A quorum was established with Commissioners Bill Ufkin, Frank Engels, Earl DeWilde, Peter Petersen, Mitch Kling, Randy Kraus, Brent Feikema, Jan Moen, Rod Spronk and Jerry Lonneman in attendance. Also attending were DGR Engineer Darin Schriever, Board Attorney Ron Schramel, Lyon County Commissioner Rick Anderson, Nathan Kinner (Kinner and Co.) via Zoom, Lobbyist Sam Krueger via Zoom, Enterprise Technician Jodi Greer, Field Supervisor Tom Muller, and General Manager Jason Overby.

Agenda: *M/S Kling/Petersen to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes: *M/S Ufkin/Engels to approve the amended minutes from the March 2023 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

Lobbying Report: Sam Krueger provided updates from St. Paul. May 22nd is the last day of legislative session and there has been nothing but “radio silence” on a bonding bill. A cash bill is being considered but was not voted on. At this point the cash bill looks like a strong possibility.

Schriever arrived at 5:07pm.

Engineer’s Report: Darin Schriever presented the Engineers Report for April. Items covered further included:

- NAWS Project: Met with DNR officials regarding permit status. Providing USDA-RD with information. Anti-degradation study report has been submitted to MPCA for review.
- Holland Improvements/BIOTTTA: Continuing to work on equipment layouts and building floor plans for biottta.
- City of Brewster 2nd Connection: MDH approval for both pipeline and meter building. Bids for the pipeline and the building are in. Discussion regarding Osceola agreement and Brewster agreement. Spronk has some concern with the wording in the original contract with Osceola. GM retrieved the contract, and it does state that it will auto renew with a 5-yr notice by either party for opt-out of contract.

Amended & Restated Water Purchase Agreement with OCRWS:

M/S Engels/Ufkin to approve the Amended and Restated Water Purchase Agreement with Osceola County Rural Water System. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Purchase Agreement (second generation) with City of Brewster:

M/S Lonneman/Moen to approve the second-generation Water Purchase Agreement with

the City of Brewster, contingent on OCRWS signing of their Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Pipeline Bid Award:

M/S Feikema/Kling to award Schedule 1-Pipeline bid to Winter Contracting at \$770,000.00, contingent on OCRWS signing of their Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Meter Building Bid Award:

M/S DeWilde/Kling to award Schedule 4-Meter Station to Hydro Tech Service at \$233,000.00, contingent on OCRWS signing of their Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Darin and Jason will touch base on when OCRWS will have their special meeting to approve the agreement.

- City of Wabasso requested a cost estimate. The board directed Darin to provide one but that the additional miles of pipe need to be passed along to Wabasso.
- CTMP: Assessment of Burr clearwells are good; however, there was observed cracking on the wall separating the two basins. Will need to address in the next scheduled CIT.
- RRRW: working on signups in the Lakes region. RRRW agreed on a CMAR contract.

Operations Report: Field Supervisor Muller presented the April Operations Report. Services will likely start in the next couple of weeks. Petersen asked a question about the burning up of input cards at Burr WTP. Tom will follow up with Roger and Thompson. DeWilde noted the City of Holland is doing major CIP improvements and asked how LPRW will handle keeping them in water. Muller indicated the PRV will help provide adequate flows and pressures. Spronk inquired about the easements along the Brewster pipeline route. Lonneman commented on how nice the new Semi looks.

Manager's Report: GM Overby presented the Manager's Report for April. Briefly discussed Johnson Annexed property water infrastructure and status with City of Lake Benton.

Attorney's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Nathan Kinner presented the March Treasurer's Report.

M/S Lonneman/Kraus to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Paid Bills: March paid bills were reviewed.

M/S Moen/Kling to approve March payments on checks #9826 through #9964, excluding voided check #9935. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Bills:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
 - North Area Water Source = \$4,128.00
 - City of Brewster 2nd Connection = \$16,128.00

- Holland WTP Improvements = \$12,480.00
- General Services = \$619.00
- Tank Maintenance = \$2,250.00
- Schramel Law Office:
 - General Services = \$1,504.80
 - City of Brewster = \$757.00
- Kinner & Company
 - Jan-March Services = \$8,235.25

M/S Ufkin/Lonneman to approve paying pending bills, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Budget and Finance Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Personnel Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Water Resources & Equipment Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **MRWA Representative:** Nothing to report.
- **L&C MN Joint Powers Board Representative:** Nothing to report.

Other Business:

- GM discussed PFAS. MRWA encourages all public water suppliers to sign up for inclusion in litigation efforts, even if unsure of PFAS impacts. NRWA, including MRWA, secured Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC to file a PFAS cost recovery action against manufacturers of PFAS. There is no cost for signing up; but registering now may aid in cost recovery should an entity discover PFAS/PFOAs/etc in its water. LPRW will investigate participating in PFAS Cost Recovery Program.

Public Comment: No responses.

Adjournment: *M/S Kling/Feikema to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary