

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

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MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2008

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) System Board of Commissioners was held at the LPRW office in Lake Benton on Monday, April 28, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. Chairman called the meeting to order with Commissioners , , , Rod Spronk, Jerry Lonneman, Norris Peterson, Ken Buysse, Leonard Swenson, Henry Van Dyke, and Joe Weber present. Also present were Board Attorney, ; DGR engineer, ; Field Superintendents, Don Drietz and Tom Muller; and CEO, Dennis Healy.

Agenda: M/S/P Lonneman/Van Dyke to approve the Agenda as presented.

Minutes: M/S/P Engels/Van Dyke to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2008 Regular Board meeting and the April 14, 2008 Water Resources & Equipment Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report: M/S/P Swenson/Buysse to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. asked about the balance in account number 7290, and Healy indicated that \$10,000 needed to be moved to another account and the rest was for billing services and other miscellaneous administrative expense.

Bills: M/S/P Engels/Van Dyke to approve the following bills for payment:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company: General Services #80 = \$10,925.44
- McDonald, Gudmestad & Schramel: General Legal Services = \$1,096.60
- Liesch Associates: Water Supply Exploration #24 = \$282.50
- US Bank: 1997 Refunding Bond – Interest only = \$13,127.50

Attorney's Report: discussed the Minnesota Water Agency Response Network (MnWARN) program. M/S/P Weber/Lonneman to prepare the application materials for participation in the program. Schramel also explained the impact of various new laws passed by the legislature.

Engineer's Report: participated in discussions about water source development and system expansion.

Regional Water Development:

- **Long-Range Water Planning:** Healy presented information on current and projected water needs and potential resources. Significant new resource development will be needed over the next 5 years to meet projected demands.
- **North Adrian:** Healy reported that exploration activities are on hold because it appears that water will be available from the OCRWS.
- **Osceola County RWS:** A preliminary proposal has been received from Osceola County Rural Water System (OCRWS) and Red Rock Rural Water System (RRRWS) to deliver OCRWS water through the RRRWS expansion area to LPRW. and will work with representatives from the other systems to develop an agreement.
- **Murray County:** Healy will be meeting with the City of Slayton on May 2nd to continue discussions on cooperative water development.
- **Northeast Water Source:** The MnDNR has not provided any guidance on the Burr Permits, but we are trying to schedule a meeting to discuss exploration options.
- **Hydrogeologic Services:** The Board reviewed the recommendations from the Water Resources & Equipment Committee concerning the proposal from Leggette, Brashears & Graham to complete an initial assessment of the hydrogeology and potential ground-water resources in the region. M/S/P Buysse/Peterson to hire Leggette, Brashears & Graham to complete an initial assessment of the hydrogeology and potential ground-water resources in the region, and to authorize them to proceed with the work.

Field Superintendents' Report: Don Drietz reported that 6 new hookups have been installed, and 1500 water meter verifications were done this winter. Tom Muller reported that Scott Johnson has started work and he is working out very well.

CEO's Report:

- The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System will be holding a "Start-up" ceremony along with their regular Board meeting on May 1st in Hull, Iowa. The Minnesota Lewis & Clark Joint Powers Board will meet at 11:00 a.m. on May 5th in Luverne.
- There were 3 new hookup requests to consider. M/S/P Engels/Spronk to approve the hookups as presented.
- The County Board meeting schedule was discussed.
- Negotiations on supplemental payments to encourage reenrollment of CRP land near the Holland Well Field were discussed. M/S/P Weber/Lonneman to authorize Healy to offer supplemental payments of \$10/acre on a 10-year CRP contract and \$20/acre on a 15-year contract.
- Quotes on 2 new pickups were reviewed. M/S/P Lonneman/Weber to authorize the purchase of 2 pickups.
- Healy reported that we will be scheduling hearings for the north and south expansion projects in the near future.
- Healy reported that we may hire someone to mow some of the sites in the Lake Benton area because our summer help cannot get to all of the sites in the System.
- Our pump at the City of Adrian water tower needs to be up-sized to increase flows and this will also require changes in electronic controls. The estimated cost is \$20,000 to \$30,000. M/S/P Spronk/Engels to authorize Healy to work with the City, and to proceed with the project as soon as possible.
- Water conservation was discussed, and Healy will send a letter to the Cities to encourage watering restrictions. Radio advertising will also be increased.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

Executive Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Budget & Finance Committee: No report.

Water Resources and Equipment Committee: The Committee met on April 14th and the Board was updated on the Committee recommendations.

Minnesota Rural Water Association, Board Representative: updated the Board on MRWA activities, and noted that the Conference had 220 vendors and 1440 attendees.

Minnesota Governmental Agency Finance Group: No report.

Lewis & Clark Minnesota Joint Powers Board: No Report.

Adjournment: M/S/P Swenson/Van Dyke to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

, Secretary