

# LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

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## MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 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, May 19, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. Chairman called the meeting to order with Commissioners , , , Jerry Lonneman, Norris Peterson, Ken Buysse, Leonard Swenson, and Henry Van Dyke present. Commissioners absent were and . Also present were Board Attorney, ; Leggette, Brashears & Graham hydrologists, David Hume and Michael Plante; Field Superintendents, Don Drietz and Tom Muller; and CEO, Dennis Healy.

**Phase I Water Exploration Report:** David Hume and Michael Plante presented their preliminary analysis of potential water resources in 5 areas of interest to LPRW. The analysis indicates that potential resources exist in all of the areas, but none of the resources are proven. LPRW now needs review the report and establish priorities for further investigation and exploration.

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

**Minutes:** M/S/P Swenson/Buysse to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008 Regular Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** M/S/P Lonneman/Engels to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Bills:** M/S/P Engels/Swenson to approve the following bills for payment:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company: General Services #81 = \$8,036.75; South End Improvements – ppe #9 = \$114.00
- McDonald, Gudmestad & Schramel: General Legal Services = \$1,002.80
- Wenck Associates: Topeka Shiner Habitat Construction - #801400 = \$1,039.00
- US Bank: 2003 Lincoln Co. Refunding Bond – Interest only = \$27,499.38

**Attorney's Report:** reviewed the letter concerning the LPRW/RRRWS cooperative purchase of water from the Osceola County Rural Water System. M/S/P Peterson/Buysse to “Accept in Principle” the “Amendment to Water Purchase Proposal” prepared by RRRWS and addressed to OCRWS.

**Engineer's Report:** was not available to report.

### **Regional Water Development:**

- **Long-Range Water Planning:** The Board decided to continue working with Leggette, Brashears & Graham on water exploration and planning projects.
- **Adrian PUC:** Lonneman and Healy will be meeting with the Adrian Utilities Commission to discuss various improvements on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Osceola County RWS:** and will work with representatives from the other systems to develop an agreement.
- **Murray County:** The City of Slayton has decided that they do not want to do a major water system expansion at this time.
- **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.

**Field Superintendents' Report:** Tom Muller reported that parts for the Adrian upgrade have been ordered. Don Drietz reported that new hookups are being installed. There were 5 new hookup requests to consider. M/S/P Buysse/Peterson to approve the hookups as presented.

**CEO's Report:**

- The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System will be holding the Annual Meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls. Healy reminded Commissioners planning to attend that they need to return the cards they received in the mail to reserve a seat.
- We are still trying to schedule a meeting with the DNR to discuss our water exploration plans and the Burr permits.
- requested that we provide a proposal to supply water to the City of Seaforth. A preliminary cost estimate prepared by DGR was reviewed, and the project appears to be feasible. M/S/P Lonneman/Swenson to proceed with the project provided that it is feasible.
- The Minnesota Water Agency Response Network (MnWARN) Mutual Aid Agreement and the Resolution authorizing participation by LPRW were reviewed and discussed. noted that LPRW is a “government unit” as defined in Minnesota Statute 471.59, and is therefore qualified to participate. M/S/P Lonneman/Engels to adopt RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM TO BE A PARTY TO MINNESOTA WATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (MnWARN).
- The National Rural Water Association conference is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and reservations need to be made on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. , and plan to attend, and requested that anyone else attending let him know by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:** The following committee reports were given:

Executive Committee: Bill Ufkin requested that the immediate past Chairman be made a part of the Executive Committee. M/S/P Buisse/Swenson to add the immediate past Chairman to the Executive Committee.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Budget & Finance Committee: No report.

Water Resources and Equipment Committee: No report.

Minnesota Rural Water Association, Board Representative: noted that the MRWA Conference set new records for attendance and revenue.

Minnesota Governmental Agency Finance Group: No report.

Lewis & Clark Minnesota Joint Powers Board: No Report.

**Other:**

Healy noted that he hopes to hire a temporary assistant for the summer.

**Adjournment:** M/S/P Lonneman/Engels to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, June 30, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

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