

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

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MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2009

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 18, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Bill Ufkin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Earl DeWilde, Frank Engels, Mitch Kling, Jerry Lonneman, Norris Peterson, Ken Buysse, Jan Moen, Henry Van Dyke and Joe Weber present. Rod Spronk was absent. Also present were Board Attorney, Ron Schramel; DGR engineer, Darin Schriever; Field Superintendents, Don Drietz and Tom Muller; and CEO, Dennis Healy.

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

Minutes: M/S/P Engels/Buysse to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009 Regular Board meeting.

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

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

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company: General Services #93 = \$2,232.00; Jackson-Nobles Water Supply Project – ppe #19 = \$38,935.00; New Water Source Development – ppe #10 = \$38,497.29; 2008-10 Expansion Project – ppe #5 = \$5,387.00
- McDonald, Gudmestad & Schramel: General Legal Services = \$837.50; 2008-10 Expansion Project = \$752.16; Jackson-Nobles Water Supply Project = \$1,551.00
- US Bank: Nobles County Refunding Bond of 2003, interest only = \$40,213.75; Lincoln County Refunding Bond of 2003, interest only = \$26,224.38

Attorney's Report: Ron Schramel reported that the Jackson Nobles Water Supply Project interim financing bond hearing on May 13th went well, and land acquisition has been completed for the Project.

Engineer's Report: Darin Schriever provided the engineer's report:

- **Jackson-Nobles Water Supply Project:** Bids will be opened for the 12" pipeline and Rushmore water tower projects on June 2nd. The Board will meet by conference call at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5th to review and act on the bids. Other portions of the Jackson-Nobles Project are being designed, and the OCRWS construction has begun.
- **2008-10 Expansion Project:** Design work has started on various portions of the Project.
- **Water Exploration Project:** Drilling work is complete for this phase of the Project, but additional analysis is needed to complete the final reports. Funding is being investigated for the Area 3 production wells and testing. Some potential resources have been identified in Area 5, but water quality is a concern.
- **Water Storage Inspection & Maintenance:** Work is being done to prepare for bids to repaint the Hendricks and Ivanhoe water towers.
- **Holland Water Treatment Plant discharge permit:** DGR has presented an action plan to MDH to address their concerns about the NPDES Permit at the Holland Well Field.

Field Superintendents' Report: Don Drietz and Tom Muller reported that operations are going smoothly. Muller will be getting water samples for testing so the Area 5 exploration can be completed.

CEO's Report:

- The Lewis & Clark Annual meeting is scheduled for May 28th, and a tour of project construction activities is scheduled for June 12th. Work is progressing on schedule.
- The Jackson Nobles Water Supply Project authorization to issue temporary construction bonds has been approved by all of the counties and the District Court. Good bids were received on the bonds with a net interest rate under 3%, and the Nobles County Board will act on the bids on May 19th. M/S/P Lonneman/Kling to approve "RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY WATER SYSTEM BONDS, SERIES 2009 OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA."
- The 2008-10 Expansion and Internal Improvements Project has been approved by USDA Rural Development, and we can begin implementation. M/S/P Peterson/Van Dyke to work with Public Financial Management and Nobles County to issue temporary construction bonds for the 2008-10 Expansion and Internal Improvements Project.
- Healy reported that he has been working with Brad Roos, General Manager of MMU to work out an agreement to evaluate opportunities to work together on the Northeast Water Development Project.
- We need to do an annual report on the Holland Topeka Shiner Mitigation Project, and Healy requested authorization to have Wenck Associates conduct the field survey and develop a template for the annual report at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. In future years we plan to do this with our own staff. M/S/P Weber/Engels to accept the proposal from Wenck Associates and authorize them to proceed with the work.
- Budget meetings will start in July, and Healy will send out information in advance of the meetings.

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: No report.

Minnesota Rural Water Association, Board Representative: No report.

Minnesota Governmental Agency Finance Group: No report.

Lewis & Clark Minnesota Joint Powers Board: No Report.

Adjournment: M/S/P Buysse/DeWilde to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, June 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Ken Buysse, Secretary