

# LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

East Highway 14, P.O. Box 188, Lake Benton, MN 56149  
(507) 368-4248 or (800) 462-0309 fax (507) 368-4573 email: [lprw@itctel.com](mailto:lprw@itctel.com)

## MEETING MINUTES

**September 29, 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, September 29, 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. Also present were Board Attorney, ; Field Superintendents, Don Drietz and Tom Muller; and CEO, Dennis Healy.

**Agenda:** M/S/P Lonneman/Buysse to approve the Agenda with the deletion of discussions with from USDA-RD.

**Minutes:** M/S/P Engels/Peterson to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2008 Regular Board and September 15, 2008 joint Committees' Budget meeting.

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

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

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company: General Services #85 = \$1,910.00; New Water Source Development ppe #2 = \$2,001.63
- McDonald, Gudmestad & Schramel: General Legal Services = \$1,158.80
- Wenck Associates: Topeka Shiner Habitat, #803150 = \$273.34

**USDA-RD:** postponed our meeting until he gets more project information from the state and federal offices.

**Attorney's Report:** presented and discussed procedures and schedules for 2009 Board appointments, and hookup assessments. Schramel is reviewing the DGR water exploration contract, and it will need to be signed after his review. M/S/P Weber/Buysse to authorize the CEO to sign the DGR Water Exploration agreement subject to legal review. Healy and Schramel will make contact with USDA-RD, Red Rock Rural Water, and Osceola County Rural Water to discuss expansion project issues.

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

- **Water Source Exploration:** The water exploration project is progressing, and the LBG progress report was reviewed.
- Irrigation permit issues in the Holland well field area were discussed. Healy will continue to monitor the projects.

**Field Superintendents' Report:** Tom Muller and Don Drietz reported that operations were going smoothly, and they are completing end-of-season construction.

**CEO's Report:**

- Lewis & Clark Regional Water System continues to make progress on their construction projects.
- Healy presented a list of 2 hookup requests for Board consideration. M/S/P Lonneman/Engels to approve the 2 hookup requests as presented.
- Purchase options for the Rushmore tower and Bigelow booster sites in Nobles County are completed. Healy recommended that an option be obtained for the Round Lake tower, and that the option for a booster station and storage-building site be exercised at the former Adrian WTP location. M/S/P Buysse/Van Dyke to authorize Healy to proceed with acquisition of an option for the Round Lake tower, and that the option for a booster station and storage building site be exercised at the former Adrian WTP location.
- M/S/P Engels/Swenson to adopt a “RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR THE LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM” worded as follows:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR THE LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM**

*WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW) must establish water rates sufficient to operate and maintain the System; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has mandated that water utilities must adopt and implement “conservation rates;” and*

*WHEREAS, the LPRW Board of Commissioners have determined that current rates are not sufficient to meet the needs of LPRW.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System, a rural water system of the State of Minnesota, statutorily organized under M.S. 116A, that the following monthly water rates shall become effective for water consumed after June 1, 2009:*

*Retail Water Rates:*

<i>Minimum Charge 0 – 1,000 gallons</i>	<i>\$17.50</i>	
<i>1,001 – 5,000 gallons per month an additional</i>	<i>\$ 2.05</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>
<i>5,001 – 10,000 gallons per month an additional</i>	<i>\$ 2.10</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>
<i>10,001 – 20,000 gallons per month an additional</i>	<i>\$ 2.15</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>
<i>20,001 – 50,000 gallons per month an additional</i>	<i>\$ 2.20</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>
<i>50,001 – 100,000 gallons per month an additional</i>	<i>\$ 2.25</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>
<i>100,001 – 150,000 gallons per month an additional</i>	<i>\$ 2.30</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>
<i>150,001 or more gallons per month an additional</i>	<i>\$ 2.35</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>

*Wholesale Water Rates:*

<i>All water consumed each month</i>	<i>\$ 1.90</i>	<i>per thousand gallons</i>
--------------------------------------	----------------	-----------------------------

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State mandated fees and taxes levied by sales or account shall be collected in addition to the Water Rates set herein.*

- Healy and Weber reported on wellhead protection activities and the impact of increasing land rents. M/S/P Lonneman/Engels to authorize subsidies of up to \$20/acre/year in supplemental payments for land within the wellhead protection area that is enrolled in the CRP.
- Healy reported on the permitting process for the Topeka Shiner mitigation project.
- Healy reported on progress in filling the Enterprise Technician position.

**Committee Reports:** The following committee reports were given: A Draft 2009 Budget was provided to the Board. It is based on the recommendations from each of the Committees, and Healy recommended that the Budget Committee meet to recommend a final version of the Budget to the Board for adoption. The Budget Committee decided to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to act on the Budget.  
**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: reported on MRWA activities.

Minnesota Governmental Agency Finance Group: No report.

Lewis & Clark Minnesota Joint Powers Board: No Report.

**Other:**

- Healy presented information on health insurance options being discussed by the employees. M/S/P Spronk/Peterson to offer the choice of either the current health insurance plan or the health savings account option, and LPRW will provide the same level of support for either plan.
- Don Drietz reported that has let us store pipe in his yard and we have used his equipment to load and unload pipe. Drietz suggested that some reimbursement would be appropriate. M/S/Spronk/Lonneman to pay \$500 for pipe storage and equipment use.

**Adjournment:** M/S/P Buysse/Engels to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

---

, Secretary