

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

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MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 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, October 26, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Bill Ufkin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Mitch Kling, Jerry Lonneman, Norris Peterson, Jan Moen, Earl DeWilde, Henry Van Dyke and Rod Spronk present. Commissioners Ken Buysse, Frank Engels, and Joe Weber were absent. Also present were Board Attorney, Ron Schramel; DGR engineer, Darin Schriever; Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeBeer; Field Superintendent, Don Drietz; and CEO, Dennis Healy.

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

Customer Billing: Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeBeer met with the Board to discuss their seasonal pasture hookup that had an abnormally high reading over the 2007-08 seasons. The remote readout showed much lower usage than the meter. Healy pointed out that the remote readout is for convenience only because the remotes are unreliable, and the only official reading is the meter itself. The meter was tested by LPRW staff and found to be recording about 4% low at high flows. The meter was loaned to DeBeer so an independent test could be conducted. A motion was made by Rod Spronk to settle the bill by averaging water use from the 1999-2007 seasons and charging the current water rate. The motion was seconded by Henry Van Dyke but failed to pass on a vote of 2 in favor and 6 against. The Board directed Healy to work out an arrangement with Mr. & Mrs. DeBeer.

Minutes: M/S/P Lonneman/Van Dyke to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2009 Regular Board meeting and the October 2, 2009 special meeting.

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

Bills: M/S/P Lonneman/DeWilde to approve the following bills for payment:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company: General Services #98 = \$5,232.00; Jackson-Nobles Water Supply Project – ppe #24 = \$6,745.60; New Water Source Development – ppe #15 = \$16,217.10; 2008-10 Expansion Project – ppe #10 = \$41,847.00
- McDonald, Gudmestad & Schramel: General Legal Services = \$1,258.00; 2008-10 Expansion Project = \$1,081.00; Jackson-Nobles Water Supply Project = \$0.00
- Winter Brothers Underground, Inc.: Jackson Nobles Project; Schedule 1, ppe #4 = \$184,150.89
- C B & I, Inc.: Jackson Nobles Project; Schedule 2, ppe #4 = \$151,027.20
- US Bank Corporate Trust Services: Crossover Refunding 1997 Bonds = \$174,097.50

Attorney's Report: Ron Schramel reported that the reappointment process for Joe Weber, Rod Spronk and Jerry Lonneman is proceeding.

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

- **Jackson Nobles Water Supply Project:** Concrete work is progressing on schedule on the water tower, and Winter Brothers Underground could have completed the 12" Pipeline Project if water was available and a DNR permit was received. M/S/P DeWilde/Spronk to approve Change Order #2 that extends the completion date by 60 days on the 12" Pipeline Project. The Highway 60 Booster and State Line Meter Station Project, and the Mainline Pipe Project can be bid as soon as USDA Rural Development approval is received. SCADA plans are proceeding on schedule. Osceola County RWS projects are on schedule.
- **2008-10 Expansion Project:** The North Area Expansion Phase I Project can be bid as soon as USDA Rural Development approval is received. Design work is nearing completion on the Lismore Booster and Maintenance Facility.
- **Water Exploration Project:** Work on the Area 2 Well Field Development New Water Source Development Project will begin as soon as the weather allows. M/S/P Lonneman/Peterson to approve Change Order #1 to the Area 2 Well Field Development contract with Steffl Drilling & Pump. The Change Order adds a bid item for test holes/observation well mobilization.

- **Holland WTP Discharge Permit:** A draft permit has been provided by the MPCA.

Field Superintendents' Report: Don Drietz reported that Chris Hanson started work today.

CEO's Report:

- The Lewis & Clark construction activities are moving forward on schedule, and FY2010 funding has been approved at \$10 million for FY2010.
- Healy reported that several emergency hookups will be completed this Fall.
- Healy reported that he will be meeting with representatives from the DNR and RRRWS to discuss service to the City of Brewster, and he will meet with the City of Rushmore to discuss a connection to rural water on November 9th.
- A proposal from Northland Securities to refinance the Pipestone County Water System Bonds of 1999 was approved by the Pipestone County Board, but the bond market will not yield enough savings to proceed at this time.

Committee Reports: The follow Committee reports were provided:

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: Rod Spronk reported on the National Rural Water Association Conference in Louisville, KY.

Minnesota Governmental Agency Finance Group: No report.

Lewis & Clark Minnesota Joint Powers Board: No Report.

Other:

- M/S/P DeWilde/Kling to change the November 30th meeting time to 6:30 pm due to the late harvest.

Adjournment: M/S/P Kling/Van Dyke to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, November 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Ken Buysse, Secretary