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Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2020

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) System Board of Commissioners was held at the LPRW office in Lake Benton using WebEx video/teleconferencing on Monday, May 18th, 2020, starting at 8:30am. Mitch Kling, LPRW Board Chairman conducted roll call for the Member Commissioners at the start of the board meeting to establish a quorum with Commissioners Glen Grant, Bill Ufkin, Jerry Lonneman, Earl DeWilde, Joe Weber, Frank Engels, Randy Kraus, Brent Feikema, Rod Spronk, and Jan Moen present. Also present was Board Attorney Ron Schramel, DGR Engineer Darin Schriever, Kinner and Co. Nathan Kinner, Field Supervisor Tom Muller, Enterprise Technician Jodi Greer, General Manager Jason Overby, and Lyon County Commissioner Rick Anderson.

Agenda: *M/S Ufkin/Engels to approve the agenda. Upon a roll call: Aye - 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.*

Minutes: *M/S Feikema/Moen to approve minutes from the April 27, 2020 Board Meeting. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.*

Engineer’s Report: Darin Schriever presented the Engineering Report for May.

- Verdi SCADA Integration – AE2S

M/S Moen/DeWilde to approve PPE#4 in the amount of \$18,321.007 to AE2S. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

- AMR System – MTS

M/S Kraus/Ufkin to approve CO#4-Final with MTS that includes a deduction of \$36,397.11. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

M/S Grant/Engels to approve PPE# 11-Final with MTS in the amount of \$129,528.24 upon completion of final documents. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

Operations Report: Tom Muller presented the May Operations Report. Muller responded to Commissioner Engels inquiry about the process for customers obtaining meter pits and associated costs.

Manager’s Report: May Manager’s Report was presented. GM provided update of Bonding Bill at state legislature during COVID-19 crisis. Discussion regarding CRP Contract with Charles Oppelt that is expiring and response to recent incentive payment offers for reenrollment.

M/S Ufkin/Engels to amend last month's motion regarding incentive payment offer for Wellhead Protection Agreement to increase incentive payment to \$35 an acre. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

GM updated status of property acquisition for access road to Lynd Tank

M/S Ufkin/Feikema to allow the General Manager to negotiate a price for purchase of land for road access, and get the road built. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report: Ron Schramel informed the Board of expiring Commissioners' terms at the end of 2020, which include Commissioner Engels, Commissioner Moen, and Commissioner Feikema. If interested/not interested in seeking another 4-year term, each is to notify Ron Schramel and the GM.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for May.

M/S Feikema/Grant to approve Treasurer's Report, as presented. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

Paid Bills:

M/S Spronk/Kraus to approve payment on checks #5484, #5485, #5506-#5621, and excluding voided checks #5528 & #5536. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

Pending Bills:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
 - General Services = \$1,024.50
 - 2016 Improvements-Pro. #2 = \$41,357.03
 - North Area Water Source = \$9,096.10
 - CTMP = \$0.00
- Schramel Law Office:
 - General Services = \$2,940.00
 - Priority = \$623.42
- Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLP
 - Services per agreement = \$3,100.00
- US Bank
 - Lincoln County 2012 Bond = \$2,450.00

- LRE Water
 - North Water Source = \$4,066.75

M/S Engels/DeWilde to approve paying pending bills, as presented. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Personnel Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Budget and Finance Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Water Resources and Equipment Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Joint Powers Board Representative:** Nothing to report.

Other Business: Chairman Kling asked about the Joseph Henning request for transfer of capacity unit. GM noted that no further action was taken. Commissioner Spronk discussed NRWA Conference this fall, in light of COVID-19. He asked if interest from other commissioners in attending and advocated for the GM to attend.

M/S Spronk/Ufkin to allow General Manager to attend the National Rural Water Annual Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona in mid-September. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Rick Anderson gave a brief update on the bonding bill and Capitol/Legislative activities.

Adjournment: *M/S Spronk/Feikema to adjourn board meeting at 9:49 am. Upon a roll call: Aye – 10, Nay - 0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary