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Meeting Minutes

July 27th, 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, July 27th, 2020, starting at 5:10pm. Mitch Kling, Board Chairman, conducted roll call 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 in attendance. Also participating: 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/Lonneman to approve the agenda. Upon a roll call Aye: 10, Nay: 0. Motion carried.*

Minutes: *M/S Feikema/Engels approve minutes from the June 2020 Board Meeting. Commissioner Spronk recommended amending the June 2020 Board minutes to include “with Thein Well Company” under the motion to approve Change Order #3 (as listed under the North Area Water Source of the Engineers Report). Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay: 0. Motion carried with amended changes.*

Engineer’s Report: Darin Schriever presented Engineering Report for July.

- SCADA Upgrades – Thompson Electric. Schriever provided brief history of Leota Booster VFD’s, as follow up to Commissioner Ufkins request. Ufkin asked about option of bringing 3-phase to Leota Booster site. Muller explained estimated (\$100K - \$120K) from Nobles Co Electric and Sioux Valley Energy. Ufkin then inquired about the value and reuse of VFD’s elsewhere in the system. Schriever responded that replaced VFD’s can be used elsewhere on 30 hp (or less) motors. Schriever then explained the evolution of changes with the overall SCADA architecture.

M/S Ufkin/Grant to accept CO#1 in the amount of \$95,582.76 with Thompson Electric, subject to RD concurrence; and granting LPRW staff flexibility on the purchase of SCADA software. Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

- Verdi PS & GSR – AE2S

M/S Lonneman/Engels to approve PPE #6-Final in the amount of \$11,210.25 to AE2S, contingent upon engineering approval of final documents. Upon roll call Aye:10 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

- City of Rushmore. Commissioner Weber asked if the City was aware of the newer contract language that includes charges exceeding purchased capacity. City officials have been informed but GM will contact their engineers to remind. Commissioner Lonneman asked about what the Rushmore hookup would cost. Schriever has generated three (3) cost estimate proposals to the city, describing the requested peaks and related costs.

Operations Report: July Operations Report was presented. Muller highlighted rehab work being performed on Holland large (471Kgal) tank and new MLV installed to close off flow between tanks. Commissioner Spronk inquired about flow/pressure issues in central part of system. Commissioner Engels asked about the number of leaks created by fiber contractors in Lincoln County. Approximately six repairs were made to date due to mainline hits from fiber installation.

Manager's Report: July Manager's Report was presented. Overby highlighted North Area Water Source funding options; a citizen request to purchase portion of the Green Valley Booster site; customer billing statement email option; and L&C 'true-up' costs.

M/S Moen/Feikema to approve payment to Lewis and Clark Regional Rural Water System in the amount of \$141,639.87 for 'true-up' cost associated with upsizing of capacity. Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

M/S Spronk/Lonneman to designate funds from the 4M-System Improvements/Capacity Hookup Account. Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It is to be noted that another L&C 'true-up' calculation is anticipated in the future.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Nathan Kinner presented the Treasurer's Report for July. Commissioner Ufkin asked about adding a line item to the monthly report that separates out "penalties and late fees". Kinner explained that penalty-late fee information is generated in the billing system (BDS) and the monthly Profit-Loss statements are generated in QuickBooks, but the two system do not communicate with each other. However, the information is available.

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

Paid Bills:

M/S DeWilde/Moen to approve payment on checks #5757-5887, excluding voided checks #5817 & #5828. Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay:0. Motion carried.

Pending Bills:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
 - General Services = \$818.00
 - 2016 Improvements-Pro. #2 = \$23,816.93
 - North Area Water Source = \$1,125.00
 - Comprehensive Tank Main. = \$700.00

- Schramel Law Office:
 - General Services = \$2,000.70
 - Project #2 = \$1,102.50

- LRE Water
 - North Water Source = \$13,750.60

- Kinner & Company Ltd
 - April – June Services = \$3,446.00

- Northland Trust
 - Nobles County 2020A = \$14,191.39

M/S Ufkin/Weber 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:** Commissioner Lonneman discussed Minnesota's bonded contribution of \$43M to L&CRWS construction and the desire for MN Joint Powers Board to pursue reallocation of the Federal payback to its four MN members for continued water source development with L&C.

Other Business:

- Kernza Trademark License with The Land Institute.

M/S Spronk/DeWilde to approve the Kernza Trademark License Agreement with The Land Institute for the 2020 harvest season. Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

- Perennial Pantry (Sprowt Labs, LLC) Agreement for Kernza storage and dry-down services for 2020 Kernza harvest.

M/S Grant/Kraus to give the General Manager authority to approve the contract with Sprout Labs/Perennial Pantry. Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: *M/S Lonneman/Kraus to adjourn board meeting at 7:35 pm. Upon a roll call Aye: 10 Nay:0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary