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Meeting Minutes

September 28th, 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, September 28th, 2020, starting at 5:05pm. Board Chairman Mitch Kling conducted roll call for the Member Commissioners at the start of the board meeting to establish a quorum with Commissioners Glen Grant, Bill Ufkin, Joe Weber, Jerry Lonneman, Frank Engels, Randy Kraus, Rod Spronk, and Jan Moen present. Also participating were 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. Absent were Commissioners Brent Feikema and Earl DeWilde, and Board Attorney Ron Schramel.

Agenda: *M/S Ufkin/Grant to approve the agenda. Upon a roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Motion carried.*

Minutes: *M/S Spronk/Moen to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Upon a roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Motion carried.*

M/S Grant/Kraus to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2020 Special Board Meeting. Upon a roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report: Darin Schriever presented Engineering Report for September.

- SCADA Upgrades
M/S Weber/Engels to approve PPE#3 in the amount of \$108,559.54 to Thompson Electric. Upon a roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.
- Tyler-Russell Pipeline
M/S Ufkin/Moen to approve CO #2 in the amount of a \$1,820.00 deduction for pipeline quantity adjustments to Winter Contracting, LLC, subject to RD concurrence. Upon roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.

M/S Grant/Engels to approve PPE#2 in the amount of \$267,936.91 to Winter Contracting, LLC, subject to RD concurrence. Upon roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.

Operations Report: Tom Muller presented the September Operations Report.

Manager's Report: Jason Overby presented the September Manager's Report, noting the one (1) cent increase to the L&CRWS monthly capacity charge.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Nathan Kinner presented the Treasurer's Report for September. The line item "Capacity & Other Fees" on the various reports was identified and explained.

M/S Kraus/Weber to approve Treasurer's Report, as presented. Upon a roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent 2, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.

Paid Bills:

M/S Ufkin/Moen to approve payment on checks #6022-#6123, excluding voided check #6032. Upon a roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.

Pending Bills:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
 - General Services = \$5,093.00
 - 2016 Improvements-Pro. #2 = \$15,290.25
- Schramel Law Office:
 - General Services = \$2,502.50
 - Project #2 = \$2,766.30
- LRE Water (North Water Source Development):
 - July Services = \$30,014.45
 - August Services = \$3,506.25

M/S Engels/Kraus to approve paying pending bills, as presented. Upon a roll call, Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ufkin asked Nathan Kinner about the call date for the \$800,000 Jackson-Nobles bond. Kinner will provide information for the next meeting.

Commissioner Brent Feikema joined the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee:** No report.
- **Personnel Committee:** No report. GM Overby noted that a policy change will be required in the Employee Handbook regarding the Sick Leave to adhere to State Law. Commissioner Ufkin requested language revisions be presented next month for consideration.
- **Budget and Finance Committee:** No report.
- **Water Resources and Equipment Committee:** No report.
- **Joint Powers Board Representative:** No report.

Commissioner Feikema joined the meeting.

Other Business: Commissioner Weber asked about the status of our Kernza Harvest. GM responded that no new information was provided by Perennial Pantry; however, Carmen Fernholz is spearheading the formation of a Kernza Grower Cooperative for SW Minnesota. Commissioner Spronk inquired if there are other LPRW acres available for Kernza. GM responded that everything else is currently locked up in CRP.

Public Comment: Lyon County Commissioner Rick Anderson provided update on state bonding bill; as well as offering resource information for assistance with COVID-19-related matters.

Adjournment: *M/S Feikema/Engels to adjourn board meeting at 6:20 pm. Upon a roll call, Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Lonneman – no vote. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary