

# Rapid Valley Sanitary Dist. Water Service

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
6 PM OCTOBER 14, 2024  
4611 TEAK DR RAPID CITY SD, 57703

Chairman Andy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at roll call were Tim Roth, Diana Nelson. Connie Olson, Eric Krebs, Jennifer Battles, Shirley Haines, Carrie Wheeler, and Bob Phillips via phone. Also in attendance was Manager Rusty Schmidt, Ted Shultz with Foth Engineering and District Clerk Sara Bender.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shirley Haines made a motion to approve the agenda. Diana Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Connie Olson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Diana Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCE REPORT:** The financial reports were distributed to the Trustees for their review prior to the meeting. Diana Nelson made a motion to approve the Finance Report. Connie Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No one from the public was in attendance.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**1. Drinking Water Surcharge Revenue Bond 2023 14<sup>th</sup> Draw for Engineering Services:** The 14<sup>th</sup> draw for engineering services is \$42,121.71 This invoice consists of \$16,394.50 for construction services, \$24,937.19 for subcontractors and \$790.02 for transportation.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

**2. Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection:** Water loss for September was 7.3 % with an average daily production of 1.3 million gallons. The service team fixed a 4 gallon per minute leak on Serenity Ct. The team will be leak detecting in the Plateau area next.

## **PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**3. Apple Valley Housing Project Update:** The sewer main on Long View is mostly complete and services started today. Most of the foundations for phase 1A are poured and there are a couple of homes framed.

**4. County and State ARPA 2 MG Storage Reservoir:** Pay application #5 is \$200,582.10 for Preload for the 2-million-gallon storage tank. All of the walls are up, and the contractor is now working on the

scaffolding and the roof. The estimated completion for the tank is January-February timeframe. There is approximately 1.97 million dollars left on the contract for the tank.

**5. County and State ARPA Madison Well Project:** The broken drill pipe was retrieved the end of September, and the current depth is 3,850 and the drillers estimate reaching the aquifer in the next 40-50 feet. There is just over 1 million left of the contract for the well.

**6. County and State ARPA 12 Watermain to Box Elder:** The 4<sup>th</sup> pay application request is for \$179,753.84. The water main is complete and all of the services are connected and all of the existing tanks are connected. There is approximately \$126,000 left on the contract for the water main.

## OTHER TOPICS

**7. Generator and Intake Upgrade Projects:** SD DANR gave approval for generators and AE2S is working on the designs as well as enclosures for them due to them being near residential areas. WREA is also working on an agreement where we could save demand charges of approximately \$5,000 per month for running our operation using the generators during the peak demand time which would save the demand charges for both entities.

**8. Rapid City Public Works Updated Water Reclamation Agreement:** We have not heard from RC Public works on an update regarding the proposed addendum to the sewer agreement. I have reached out to Roger Hall at the city to keep the reclamation agreement moving forward.

**9. Facilities Committee Recommendation for 2025 Projects:** The Facilities committee met on September 26th to discuss 2025 project recommendations. The following projects are recommended for 2025 are Interior painting for the 1 mg tank, which has several locations of interior corrosion. The second project is N Valley Dr from Hwy 44 intersection to Windhaven. This road is being improved by the City and there is currently 1,700 feet of asbestos cement water main that would be under the new road. The third potential project, if bid pricing comes in low for the previously mentioned projects is an additional intake structure. The cost for the interior painting was quoted at \$92,000 and the estimate for the N Valley Dr project is about 600 thousand, this will be approximately 80-90% of projected income for 2025. Another project that is recommended to be completed this year is for scada to be added to our current lift stations on Pioneer and S.Valley Dr. The cost to add the scada is approximately \$60,000. A motion was made by Shirley Haines to approve the committee recommended projects. Tim Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Water Rights Investigation:** A meeting was held with the State, Foth Engineering and White Sands Engineering. A preliminary report is ready for the state and just waiting on some records from the Little Giant Ditch before submitting the report. Mr. Simunek reached out again to see if the board would be willing to meeting in the middle on the pricing he requested versus the pricing we had offered for his water rights. The consensus of the group was to remain at the \$1700 per acre foot price point. Gordon Howie also reached out recently about the possibility of selling some recently acquired Lone Tree Ditch water rights. The consensus of the group is to move forward with looking into the various water rights for potential purchase.

**11. 2013 Ford Truck:** The 2013 Ford truck was replaced earlier this year. The Kelly Blue Book value is between \$8,000-\$11,000 and the trade in value is between \$6,500-8,500. In the past we have either sold vehicles and started bidding at the lowest trade value or donated to another entity. A motion was made by Carrie Wheeler to donate the 2013 Ford to Youth and Family Services. Diana Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Connie Olson abstaining from voting.

## MISC. INFO:

- Budget committee meeting October 24<sup>th</sup>
- November board meeting is November 18<sup>th</sup> rescheduled for Veterans Day
- SDARWS Leadership training in Pierre November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> who will be attending, need to finalize room block.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.