

# Rapid Valley Sanitary Dist. Water Service

BOARD DIRECTORS MEETING  
6 PM MAY 12, 2025  
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 Bob Phillips, Diana Nelson, Eric Krebs, Jennifer Battles, Shirley Haines, Connie Olson, and Carrie Wheeler. Tim Roth was absent. Also in attendance was General Manager Rusty Schmidt, and Office Manager Sara Bender

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** made a motion by Diana Nelson to approve the agenda. Bob Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Shirley Haines made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Diana Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. **2024 Audit Review:** Traci Hanson was in attendance to present the finding from the 2024 financial audit. One new component for 2024 was the compliance audit for having spent federal funds totaling more than \$750,000.00. The district net position increased from \$26,457,353.00 in 2023 to \$35,387,912 in 2024. Connie Olson made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Carrie Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Drinking Water Surcharge Revenue Bond 2023 20<sup>th</sup> Draw for Engineering Services:** The total for pay application 20 is \$7,240.00 which consists of \$7,209.25 for construction services and \$30.75 for travel. The amount remaining on the contract is \$612,303.68.

3. **Tax Levy Request:** The proposed tax levy amount for 2025 is \$386,632.00. Connie Olson made a motion to approve the proposed tax levy amount for 2025 in the amount of \$386,632.00. Diana Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

4. **Monthly Water Loss and Leak Detection:** Daily production is 683,000 but within the last week has reached over one million gallons a day. Water loss for the month of April was 2.9%. There was a substantial leak that was repaired on Melody Ln. Outdoor watering restrictions on May 1<sup>st</sup> throughout the system. The service team will be leak detecting in the San Bernardo and Bonita areas at this time.

## PROJECTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

5. **Apple Valley Housing Project Update:** The offsite sewer is now complete, and the contractor will begin work on services for phase 2b.
  
6. **Ennen Housing:** There are about 6 homes now occupied in this subdivision and plans for phases 2A and 2B have been received. The water main connection on Reservoir Rd will begin in the next couple of weeks. Plans for a phase 3 are currently in the works.
  
7. **N. Valley Dr. Water Main Project:** This project is an approved 2025 project for the district. Foth Engineering is currently working on design plans and should have them available in the next month with potential bid opening by mid-summer.
  
8. **N. Neel Housing Project:** This project consists of 6 homes and 3 commercial lots. The extension fees were paid, and the contractor has installed the sewer.
  
9. **1mg Tank Painting Project:** Joes Sandblasting is hoping to have the rest of the sandblasting complete by the end of the week and they are hoping to have the whole project complete by the end of the month.
  
10. **County and State ARPA 2 MG Storage Reservoir:** Preload will be mobilizing on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They will be applying the 2 logos at no extra cost to the district plus an additional \$36,600.00 deduct due to the open cutting a drain line rather than boring it as per the plans.
  
11. **Resolution 2025 G:** The SD DANR board met on May 1 to review the ARPA dollar requests from multiple entities. The \$663,000.00 the district requested was approved. This will be utilized for the remaining infrastructure and other items needed to complete the well project.
  
12. **County and State ARPA Madison Well Project:** Hydro Resources has submitted pay application 11 for \$337,950.59. The well should be in production by the end of 2025.
  
13. **County and State ARPA Well House and Generator Project:** The updated bid amount from RCS for the wellhouse is \$2,138,302.44 which is a deduct of \$535,718.00 from the original bid amount.

## OTHER TOPICS

14. **Water Rights Investigation:** The Buxton water rights for the Southside and Little Giant Ditch are now the Districts to utilize and the turnouts have been filled in and are awaiting inspection from the state. We just received the SD DANR approval letter for the transfer of the Simunek Murphy ditch rights.
  
15. **Intake Property:** Closing for this occurred on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a lot line adjustment that will need to be made, and we are moving forward making the adjustments.
  
16. **Design and Construction Standards Revision:** There are some additional proposed changes to the

design and construction standards, the changes are as follows:

## 2.2 Sewer Testing and Inspection

### A. General:

1. A visual inspection and televising inspection test shall be performed by RVSD or an approved Contractor for all sewer mains and manholes as a condition of acceptance by RVSD. All tests shall be performed after backfill is complete but prior to any surface restoration. In addition, all new sewer main shall undergo a hydrostatic or air pressure test @ 7psi for 15 minutes minimum for pipe 8” or less and 20 minutes minimum for greater than 10” or as CORC specifications Sec.9 table 9-1. Manhole testing as per Sec 9 of CORC Sanitary Sewer Table 9-3, exception all tests will be 60 seconds minimum unless specified longer in Table 9-3.
2. Prior to pressure testing newly installed sewer pipe, ~~RVSD or~~ an approved Contractor shall jet and remove all accumulated construction debris, rock, sand, gravel, silt, and other foreign matter from the sewer with an appropriately sized cleaning ball or jetting machine.

### B. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection.

1. The Contractor shall arrange and pay for internal CCTV inspection of the completed sewer mains. **That shall include at a minimum GIS data of each service tap to be compatible with RVSD GIS database**
2. The CCTV inspection shall be performed by ~~RVSD or~~ an approved contractor, **and the GIS information delivered to RVSD.**
- ~~3. A USB flash drive of completed inspections shall be delivered to RVSD.~~
- ~~4. USB flash drive shall be properly labeled with on screen measurements or voice-recorded measurements.~~

A motion was made by Connie Olson to approve the proposed changes to the Design and Construction Standards. Carrie Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**17. Valley Heights Subdivision:** a meeting was held with Box Elder, AE2S, Valley Heights and EAFB officials to discuss the prospect of the district connecting to Valley Heights via a water main extension from Twilight to Valley Heights. The consensus of the group is to continue conversations with those entities to work towards regional concepts.

## MISC. INFO:

- Election (if held) June 10, 2025
- Terms Expiring – Jennifer Riss-Battles, Connie Olson, Eric Krebs
- Petitions to be picked up May 1 and are due by May 21, 2025

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.