

Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water

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Meeting Minutes - Amended and Approved

March 27th, 2023

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) System Board of Commissioners was held at the LPRW Office in Lake Benton, MN, on Monday, March 27th, 2023; and was available for viewing/participating via Zoom video/teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Board Chair Joe Weber. A quorum was established with Commissioners Bill Ufkin, Frank Engels, Earl DeWilde, Peter Petersen, Mitch Kling, Randy Kraus, Brent Feikema, Jan Moen and Jerry Lonneman in attendance. Attending via Zoom was Commissioner Rod Spronk. Also attending were DGR Engineer Darin Schriever, Board Attorney Ron Schramel, Lyon County Commissioner Rick Anderson, Nathan Kinner (Kinner and Co.) via Zoom, Lobbyist Sam Krueger via Zoom, Enterprise Technician Jodi Greer, Field Supervisor Tom Muller, General Manager Jason Overby.

Agenda: *M/S Ufkin/Engels to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes: *M/S Lonneman/Feikema to approve the minutes from the February 2023 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

Engineer's Report: Darin Schriever presented the Engineers Report for March. Items covered further included:

- NAWS Project: Anti-degradation report was submitted to MPCA for review. USDA-RD will be seeking National Office pool funding in April, then again in August.
- Holland Improvements/BIOTTTA: Darin reviewed estimated costs for O&M with biottta.
- City of Brewster 2nd Connection: The City has signed the WPA with LPRW. Bids for pipeline and meter building are due mid-April. Attorney recommendation was to wait until the April board meeting to finalize/sign WPA based on bidding results and status of OCRWS Amended WPA.
- CTMP: 2023 work schedule includes cleaning/inspection/touch-up (CIT) for the elevated Hendricks tower, and three cement GSR's.

M/S Kling/Lonneman to accept the 2023 CTMP Work Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations Report: Field Supervisor Muller presented the March Operations Report. Maintenance Technician Chris Hoss passed his MN Class D water operator test. Muller noted frequent snow removal and three major leaks in system; new furnaces replaced at Burr WTP; and replacement semi for the Mack located at Haber Trucks & Trailers in Tea, SD.

Manager's Report: GM Overby presented the Manager's Report for March. Items highlighted included:

- Brewster 2nd Connection: City officials signed the WPA. In communication with Doug Westerman (OCRWS) requesting the amended contract include language to take effect when

Brewster is connected and taking water.

- Clarkfield: City officials submitted request for extension of the capacity charge rate increase. Letter included in board packet.
- Boyd WTP Site Land Lease Agreements: Bryon Lundy signed the lease agreement for the 0.53 acres enrolled in CRP along the JD#8 berm. The remaining 22.23 tillable acres will be advertised for bids for a one-year cropping season.
- Rock Co. Rural Water System: Ryan Holtz (GM) requested for the WPA between the two systems stay into effect beyond the July 31, 2023 deadline. Language in the contract allows it to be “evergreen” until one party chooses to terminate.
- Large Equipment: Intending to move forward with the purchase of 2015 Freightliner Cascadia semi-tractor to replace the 1998 Mack semi.

Lobbying Report: Sam Krueger provided updates from St. Paul. Anticipating that a bonding bill is not going to be released until later, possibly April. Krueger thought our “Southern” Project and System Improvements sat favorable with Senator Pappas; whereas he was a little concerned with having support from Dahms and Swedzinski. This bill has been line itemed for full funding by the House and Senate. A cash bill is also being considered.

Attorney’s Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer’s Report: Nathan Kinner presented the February Treasurer’s Report.

M/S Lonneman/Moen to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Paid Bills: February paid bills were reviewed.

M/S Feikema/Kraus to approve February payments on checks #9729 through #9825, excluding voided check #9771. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Bills:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
 - North Area Water Source = \$7,541.00
 - City of Brewster 2nd Connection = \$21,500.00
 - Holland WTP Improvements = \$8,320.00
- Schramel Law Office:
 - General Services = \$4,827.30

M/S Moen/Kling to approve paying pending bills, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Budget and Finance Committee:** Nothing to report.

- **Personnel Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Water Resources & Equipment Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **MRWA Representative:** Nothing to report.
- **L&C MN Joint Powers Board Representative:** Lonneman relayed from Troy Larson that expansion work should be completed by 2030. Federal reimbursement to LCRWS will allow LCRWS to reimburse the three states for their respective advancements. The MN JPB is seeking a bonding request for \$18M from that reimbursement to help pay for additional reserve capacity allocated to the four MN JPB entities. Lonneman also discussed the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System Project in South Dakota. He recommended that LPRW participate in discussions even though invitations haven't been extended to entities outside of South Dakota.

Other Business:

- Flying Cow Wind Good Neighbor Easement Agreement.

M/S Engels/Petersen to approve the Good Neighbor Easement Agreement with Flying Cow Wind, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

- Land Lease Agreement on Boyd WTP Site. Addressed previously in meeting.
- Brewster 2nd Connection Water Purchase Agreement. Tabled until next month.
- OCRWS Amended Water Purchase Agreement. Tabled until next month.
- Clarkfield Request for Time Extension of LPRW's Municipal Capacity Charge Increase.

M/S Ufkin/Kraus to extend the deadline for the municipal capacity charge increase of \$2.00 per gallon until 5:00 PM, April 21st, to the City of Clarkfield only for reasons stated in the City request letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: No responses.

Adjournment: *M/S Lonneman/Feikema to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary