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Meeting Minutes

June 28th, 2021

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, June 28, 2021; and was available for viewing/participating via Zoom video/teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board Chairman Mitch Kling. A quorum was established with Commissioners Frank Engels, Jerry Lonneman, Randy Kraus, Jan Moen, Brent Feikema, Pete Petersen, Earl DeWilde, Joe Weber and Rod Spronk in attendance. Commissioner Bill Ufkin arrived later. Also attending was Board Attorney Ron Schramel, DGR Engineer Darin Schriever and General Manager Jason Overby, Supervisor Tom Muller, Enterprise Technician Jodi Greer, and Lyon County Commissioner Rick Anderson.

Agenda: *M/S Feikema/Engels to approve the agenda, as presented. Ayes – 9, Nay – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

Minutes: *M/S DeWilde/Moen to approve the minutes from the May 2021 Board Meeting. Ayes – 9, Nay – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

Engineer's Report: Darin Schriever presented the Engineering Report for June.

- Lincoln Pump Station Improvements – Controls and Integration
M/S Lonneman/Weber to approve payment to Thompson for PPE#1-Final in the amount of \$35,415.41. Ayes – 9, Nay – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.
- Tyler-Russell Pipeline. Winter Construction did not meet deadline (May 28th). Project completed June 17th. Schriever will determine if a liquidated damages penalty will be imposed.

Operations Report: Muller presented the June Operations Report. LPRW set new daily pumping records within the system on June 10, 2021. Commissioner Petersen inquired about water levels at our wells. GM gave update from recent well monitoring indicating that well levels have been declining due to drought-like conditions, but all were in good shape stemming from 2019 record year of precipitation.

Commissioner Ufkin joined the meeting.

Manager's Report: Overby presented the June Manager's Report. Meetings have been set with Ten Mile Lake TWP officials on June 29th; and with Dawson officials on July 14th; asked if WR/E Members would like to attend. Commissioner Ufkin indicated interest in attending the NRWA WaterPro Conference in September.

Attorney's Report: Schramel discussed the following items:

- L&C 15.81MG Expansion Agreement. Schramel has reviewed the agreement document. Questions were raised on what was involved for Phase I and II construction. GM to follow up with Troy Larson on this.

M/S Ufkin/Engels to approve the June 28, 2021-version of the 15.81MG Expansion Agreement with L&CRWS, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approximately \$36,000.00 would be due in January 2022. Board requested that costs associated with this expansion agreement be included in future annual budgets.

- Temporary Water Supply Agreement with Rock County Rural Water System.

M/S DeWilde/Kraus to authorize the GM and LPRW Attorney to draft the Temporary Water Supply Agreement with Rock County Rural Water System to include a 30-day notice of termination. Motion carried unanimously.

- Reappointment of Commissioners Weber, Spronk and Lonneman. Nine counties have approved the appointment of Joe Weber, Rod Spronk and Jerry Lonneman. Rock County forgot to include on last month's agenda but will discuss at their July meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for June was included in the board packet.

M/S Lonneman/Feikema to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Paid Bills:

M/S Ufkin/Moen to approve payment on checks #7129 - 7223. Motion carried unanimously.

Pending Bills:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
 - General Services = \$3,889.00
 - North Water Source = \$1,122.50
- Schramel Law Office:
 - General Services = \$1,784.10
- US Bank

- Lincoln C. Bond 2012 payoff = \$125,034.72

M/S Engels/Feikema to approve paying pending bills, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Budget and Finance Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Personnel Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Water Resources & Equipment Committee:**

M/S Lonneman/Engels to approve the minute of the June 23rd WR/E Committee meeting, with corrections noted. Motion carried unanimously.

- City of Brewster. Schriever discussed water use projection analysis for the south water sources. GM discussed phone conversation with Doug Westerman (OCRWS) regarding current source water and delivery. Schriever then reviewed daily usage from L&C, OCRWS and LPRW for the week of June 7th, with June 10th achieving peak day usage at 3.15 MG of the 3.5 MG total allocated for the south supply region. Schriever did not recommend selling additional water to Brewster until additional capacity is secured. By consensus, the Board then decided not to pursue the recommendation of the Committee for making available additional water for sale to City of Brewster. LPRW staff to visit with OCRWS to determine if additional water is available for purchase.
- New Office/Shop discussion. Schriever reviewed steps associated in the development process for a new office/ship, as well as related costs. Weber noted that SWCD office is not accepting review of wetland delineation.

M/S Spronk/DeWilde to accept the Committee's recommendation to proceed forward with the 9-step development process and anticipated costs, as outlined by DGR Engineers. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S Engels/Spronk to hire DGR Engineering to perform steps 1-4, as indicated in the 9-step development process. Motion carried unanimously.

- Water Restriction Policy. Revision to the Water Use Restriction Policy were reviewed.

M/S Spronk/Engels to approve the recommended changes to the Water Use Restriction Policy, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Billing Service – City of Florence.

M/S Lonneman/Kraus to approve the Committee recommendation to provide a billing service option to the City of Florence. Motion carried unanimously.

- NAWS. GM and a few board members will meet with the City of Dawson to discuss a treatment plant within city jurisdiction.
- Kernza fields. Public notice for advertising of haying of intermediate wheatgrass (aka Kernza). Commissioner Weber suggested to be bid out on a “per acre” basis, with one cutting allowed before September 1, 2021. Weber also suggested submitting application to FSA for enrollment into CRP.

M/S Engels/Feikema to authorize an application for CRP enrollment to be submitted on behalf of LPRW for 54 acres. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Joint Powers Board Representative:** Nothing to report.

Other Business:

- The July 26th Board meeting will be held at the LPRW Office at 5PM.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: *M/S Lonneman/DeWilde to adjourn the board meeting at 8:34 PM. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary