

# **Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**July 26th, 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, July 26, 2021; and was available for viewing/participating via Zoom video/teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM by Board Chairman Mitch Kling. A quorum was established with Commissioners Frank Engels, Jerry Lonneman, Randy Kraus, Jan Moen, Brent Feikema, Peter Petersen, Earl DeWilde, Joe Weber and Rod Spronk in attendance. Commissioner Bill Ufkin was absent. Also attending was Board Attorney Ron Schramel, DGR Engineer Peter Baudhuin, General Manager Jason Overby, Supervisor Tom Muller, Billing Clerk Barb Powell, and Lyon County Commissioner Rick Anderson.

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

**Minutes:** *M/S Feikema/Lonneman to approve the minutes from the June 2021 Board Meeting. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

**Engineer's Report:** Peter Baudhuin presented the Engineering Report for July.

- System-wide SCADA Project. Three items on punch list remain to be completed. Recommendation to approve completion of project and payment, but to withhold payment until items are completed.

*M/S Weber/Moen to approve payment to Thompson for PPE#10-Final in the amount of \$50,530.58, but to withhold payment until final punch list items are completed. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

- Tyler-Russell Pipeline. Winter Construction did not meet deadline (May 28<sup>th</sup>). Project completed June 17<sup>th</sup>. Change Order #4 includes final quantity adjustments for seeding; to extend Final Completion deadline 20 days, and to extend warranty period approximately 6 months to June 18, 2022.

*M/S Lonneman/DeWilde to approve Change Order #4 that includes a deduction of \$26,374.80 for final seeding quantities, extending Final Completion deadline by 20 days (to June 18, 2021), and to **extend** warranty period to June 18, 2022. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

*M/S Engels/Spronk to accept project as complete and to approve payment to Winter Construction for PPE#6-Final in the amount of \$41,845.94. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

Spronk asked if USDA-RD or DGR can provide final tally of loan/grant and project expenditures. DGR and staff will investigate and provide information.

Barb Powell joined the meeting. Rick Anderson joined the meeting.

- City of Dawson Meeting. Meeting was attended by Commissioners Engels, Ufkin, Weber, DGR Engineer Darin Schriever (DGR) and GM Jason Overby, as well as city council members, staff and engineers. Darin Schriever provided memo of meeting with City of Dawson and GM Overby reviewed. Questions raised included: ‘Could LPRW use any of Dawson’s raw water, and of what amount, and could it be blended?’ Baudhuin’s response was that city water could be used and blended, but distance from city to LPRW’s new wells was approximately 8 miles. Appropriations permitting with DNR nearly complete. Lonneman stated he would like to move forward with project but knows more funding is needed. Lonneman asked Lyon Co Commissioner Rick Anderson to please keep LPRW informed on any monies coming from the state for water projects. If the state has money available for water projects, will the Lobbyist be available? Overby can readily contact the lobbyist to discuss. Overby will reach out to PURIS to see if interest in water service.

**Operations Report:** Muller presented the July Operations Report. Many locates being done. Roger is stacking/piling lime. Contractors hit mainlines near the City of Lynd and City of Rushmore. Waiting to see if bill from CenturyLink for hitting fiber line while fixing the leak at Rushmore. Muller will check on contractor’s insurance coverage with provider. Holland PW-2 started sucking air – further investigation and/or adjustments. Staff are covering for WR/GIS technician duties until position is filled. Pipe shipment to be delivered mid-August. Spronk praised **operations** staff on clean-up efforts **at leak repair south of Edgerton**.

**Manager’s Report:** Overby presented the July Manager’s Report. Rock Co RWS is pleased with agreement but are asking for one change to establish a two-year term length. Staff working on Florence agreement for billing services. Terry Boeve has been secured by City of Lake Benton for wetland delineation at the proposed office location. Working with George Eilertson on a bond refunding opportunity.

- Kernza haying. Bid deadline for haying of Kernza fields was today. Four bidders submitted with the winning bid of \$101.85/acre from Darrel Amoth.

*M/S Spronk/Lonneman to accept the bid from Darrel Amoth for \$101.85/acre for haying of Kernza fields. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

CRP Lease Bid (Kernza fields). Bidding due Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> for renting of CRP that LPRW will enroll the Kernza fields into. Winning bidder to be notified to FSA on first week of August.

*M/S Spronk/Engels to give GM Overby the authority to award the highest bidder for CRP Lease on current Kernza fields and to notify FSA immediately. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

**Attorney's Report:** No report for July.

**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. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

**Paid Bills:**

*M/S Moen/Petersen to approve payment on checks #7224 – 7348, excluding voided check #7306 to Thompson Electric. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

**Pending Bills:**

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
  - General Services = \$12,970.40
  - North Water Source = \$427.00
- Schramel Law Office:
  - General Services = \$3,184.60
- Kinner & Co
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Invoice = \$3,359.50
- Northland Securities
  - Nobles Co Bond 2020A = \$24,850.00

*M/S Kraus/Weber to approve paying pending bills, as presented. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

**Committee Reports:**

- **Executive Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Budget and Finance Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Personnel Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Water Resources & Equipment Committee:** Discussion earlier regarding meeting with City of Dawson officials.
- **Joint Powers Board Representative:** The 15.81 MG Expansion Agreement previous approved by the LPRW Board is now null and void due to subsequent changes to the document. The deadline for approval of a final agreement is set as January 1, 2022. Lonneman discussed increased L&C construction costs for the expansion and funding options for members.

**Other Business:**

- Commissioner Engels suggested acquiring another TV monitor in the Board room.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** *M/S Feikema/Lonneman to adjourn the board meeting at 8:18 PM. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Ufkin). Motion carried.*

*Corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting have been approved and are shown in red.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary