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Meeting Minutes

August 30th, 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, August 30, 2021; and was available for viewing/participating via Zoom video/teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 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, Bill Ufkin and Rod Spronk in attendance. Also attending were Board Attorney Ron Schramel, DGR Engineer Darin Schriever, General Manager Jason Overby, Enterprise Technician Jodi Greer, and Lyon County Commissioner Rick Anderson. Attending via zoom was George Eilertson with Northland Securities.

Agenda: *M/S Lonneman/Engels to approve the agenda with change, as indicated. Motion carried unanimously.*

Minutes: *M/S Ufkin/Feikema to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2021 Board Meeting with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.*

Engineer's Report: Darin Schriever presented the Engineering Report for August. Additional notes included the following:

- System-wide SCADA. Final papers are in process.
- Tyler-Russell Pipeline. Final papers are in process. Winters is reviewing pipeline quantities.
- Lincoln Pump Station Improvements – Controls and Integration. Schriever explained some electrical issues with the VFD's being oversized. LPRW will need to replace them with smaller VFD's. The cost is roughly \$8,000.

M/S Spronk/Kraus to authorize payment for PPE#2 (final payment) in the amount of \$12,645.00 to Keys Well Drilling. Motion carried unanimously.

Schriever handed out Priority 2 Project Summary Sheet to commissioners.

- Burr WTP Assessment. Assessment conducted with WesTech and Vessco. Report will be forthcoming.
- Office/Shop – Wetland delineation is completed for proposed site. GM met with Jeff Johnson on possibility with their property located NE of current proposed

location. The board directed the GM for staff and a commissioner to investigate further this opportunity.

Operations Report: Overby presented the August Operations Report.

- Vandelanotte Request.

M/S Ufkin/Kraus to approve the hookup for Vandelanotte, and provide a one year offer for one (1) additional capacity on this account from date of cost estimate. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report: Overby presented the August Manager's Report.

- City of Florence – 2nd generation Water Purchase Agreement.

M/S Engels/Moen to approve the second-generation Water Purchase Agreement with the City of Florence with language change to paragraph "1 d." to state "maximum design flow" instead of "minimum design flow", being 35 gallons per minute. Motion carried unanimously.

- L&C Expansion Agreement. Board tabled approving the agreement to a later date. No motion was made on this matter.

Other items briefly noted was opportunities through ARPA funding with counties, cities, and townships; and an illegal hookup situation.

Nobles Co. BAB Bond Refinancing: George Eilertson with Northland Securities presented information on refinancing the Nobles Co. BAB Bond, Series 2010. Spronk requested Eilertson to evaluate a refinancing option that includes a shortened term length while maintaining current interest rates.

M/S Ufkin/Weber to move forward with the potential refinancing of the Nobles County GO Water Revenue Bond (Build America Bonds). Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report: No report provided.

Treasurer's Report: Kinner reviewed the Treasurer's Report for July.

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

Paid Bills:

M/S Moen/DeWilde to approve payment on checks #7349 – 7459, excluding voided check #7389. Motion carried unanimously.

Pending Bills:

- DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company:
 - General Services = \$3,749.00
 - North Water Source = \$2,192.88
- Schramel Law Office:
 - General Services = \$2,572.10

M/S Lonneman/Engels 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:** Nothing to report
- **Joint Powers Board Representative:** Lonneman noted that L&C capacity charge for water will increase from \$0.44 to \$0.56, while the water rate remains unchanged at \$0.61. Schriever asked why LPRW was being charged more than other members for expansion. GM will investigate the reasons.

Other Business:

- DeWilde inquired into the usage by member cities.
- The September 27th Board meeting will be held at the LPRW Office at 5:00 PM.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: *M/S Feikema/Weber to adjourn the board meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kraus, LPRW Board Secretary