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**Washington County Rural Water
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 27, 2021
1060 Wilbur St. Blair, NE**

Advisory Board Members Present:

Bob Nieto
Paul Oestmann
David Genoways
Chris Koenig

Advisory Board Members Absent:

Mitch Robinson
Andy Christensen

NRD Staff:

Justin Novak, Project Manager
Kyle Winn, Water Supply Superintendent

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

The minutes from the July 16, 2019 Advisory Board meeting were adopted on a 4-0 yes-vote. There was no meeting in 2020.

Financial Report was given by Justin Novak:

- Both WCRW systems budgets were merged in Spring of 2021 making it easier for accounting and rural water staff to track their time and expenses on the system.
- Fiscal year 2021 the system had \$1,137,799.94 in revenue and \$841,750.90 in expenditures; making the system \$296,049.04 cash positive for the year.
- Current Balances: Checking Account-\$626,819.62; Certificates of Deposit (5 total)-\$613,012.00
- Discussed individual items purchased throughout the year and why some line items in the budget were so far over due to purchasing materials required to have in stock for maintenance of the system.
- Paul Oestmann asked about the long-term debt status
- Proposed budget for FY 2022 was adopted by the Board on a 4-0 yes-vote.

Water Use Report was given by Justin Novak

- Water sales exceeded expectations by \$102,000 and shows how fast the system is growing.
- Water use has been erratic over the last year with pumping water to Blair and the meter malfunctioning since May and not being able to be repaired until October 2021.

New Hook-ups was given by Justin Novak

- 19 new hook-ups on WCRW 1; 678 accounts total
- 14 new hook-ups on WCRW 2; 418 accounts total

Manager's Report was given by Justin Novak

- Talked about the overall management of the system and what were the next potential projects on the system, from the extension to Surfside, and possible main extensions just north of Ponca and other areas.
- We are now using ArcGIS and Bad Elf Survey units to map both systems that way we have location data on all the different components of the system for future use and hydraulic analysis.
- Working with HDR on a proposal to update the hydraulics and capacities of the systems. This was last done in 2015 and there has been over 200 new individual hook-ups and the Lakeland connection since.

Other Business

- Kyle Winn introduce himself as the new Water Supply Superintendent and shared information on his history with the NRD. He also talked about the current hiring process of finding a replacement for Bruce Sill, as he's retiring from the Papio NRD effective August 3, 2021.
- Kyle talked about his experiences with the system over the last year and the 2 emergency repairs that were needed during the winter months

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or minutes. Feel free to contact me at jnovak@papionrd.org