

DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL WATER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2024

The Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Haafke on February 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

| <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> | <u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> |
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| Pat Green | Bill Rohde* | Lance Olerich, Papio NRD |
| Harold Moes | Shawn Deroin* | Kevin Schoepf, Papio NRD |
| Dennis McManigal | | Justin Novak, Papio NRD |
| Bryce Andersen | | |
| Bill Haafke | | |
| Duane Rohde | | |
| Sam Heikes | | |

*Denotes excused absence

CONSIDERATION OF January 10, 2024, ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Motion #1 A motion was made by Pat Green and seconded by Bryce Andersen to approve the January 10, 2024, Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried. 7-0.

Motion #2 A motion was made by Harold Moes and seconded by Duane Rohde to recommend to the District to accept the Financial Report as given for business and checks for December is \$154,341.67 On roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION:

- A. BILLS
- B. REVIEW REV/EXP WITH ANNUAL BUDGET

Justin Novak gave the Financial Report for January 2024, the major expense for January was to Penro Construction for the Kramper Lake project. On roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

WATER USE REPORT/DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: Lance Olerich gave the water use report. Water use report for January 82.7% with the monthly average was 92.7%. Rural Water reads their meters on different days than Dakota City which causes the large discrepancy in water use.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE: Justin Novak discussed the need for a rate change to keep up with the large increase in the costs of materials and maintenance to the system. Justin Novak proposed a change to a flat rate of \$3.00/per 1,000 gallons. Based on estimates this would generate approximately \$35,000 more dollars annually. There were many questions answered by Justin Novak from the Directors about this proposed change. On roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MANAGERS REPORT: Lance Olerich gave the Manager's report. Lance and Kevin have been performing regular maintenance for the month. Lance talked about the status of the Kramper Lake Project and the project is expected to be completed by Spring 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURN: There being no other business, the Rural Water Advisory Board adjourned by acclamation at 8:05 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Justin Novak
Project Manager