

Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2012

A meeting of the Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board was held at the NRD field office in Walthill, NE, on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlan Witte at 7:34 p.m.

QUORUM CALL:

Quorum call was taken. The following members and individuals were in attendance:

<u>Advisory Board Members</u> <u>Present</u>	<u>Advisory Board Members</u> <u>Absent</u>	<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Harlan Witte Marvin Baker Bruce Paeper	Rod Bonderson Larry Athey	Dick Sklenar, NRD Staff Dennis Piper, NRD Staff

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Discussion was called for on the tentative agenda. It was moved by Witte, and seconded by Baker, that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 - 0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Bonderson, Athey

WATER USAGE & FINANCIAL REPORTS

Information on water usage and income for the current and past 2 fiscal years was provided. Dick Sklenar noted that income for water sales this fiscal year was about 7% higher compared to last year. A bar chart distributed to advisory board members indicated that overall consumption had been dropping steadily for the previous 9 years. There was further discussion.

It was moved by Paeper, and seconded by Baker, that the water usage & financial reports be accepted.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 - 0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Bonderson, Athey

OPERATIONS REPORT

Events that occurred since the last advisory board meeting were;

- There were 2 new hookups (A. Albrecht & G. Murphy)
- The water quality report and annual newsletter were sent out to customers in the Spring
- Sebade Farms (Acct.#115) requested that their meter pit be relocated. Customer paid for the work.
- Electrical work to accept standby emergency power for the pump station will be accomplished later this year. Federal grant money is expected to pay for a majority of the \$2,400 estimated cost.

Denny Piper stated that one customer was shut-off recently because the residence burned down (F. Denker). Not known whether it will be rebuilt. Dick Sklenar stated that there will be a need in several months to discuss a water rate adjustment. Dollars will be needed to maintain the pumps, one of which is scheduled for an overhaul in a couple of years. Bruce Paeper inquired as to how often the pumps and motors are overhauled. Dick Sklenar responded that it is usually about every 10 years.

RECONNECTION FEE ADJUSTMENT:

Because the cost to reconnect customers for non-payment has increased (fuel & labor), it was recommended that the fee be increased from \$50 to \$60.

It was moved by Witte, and seconded by Paeper, that the advisory board recommends to the District's Board of Directors that the reconnection fee be adjusted to \$60.00, effective July 15, 2012.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 - 0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Bonderson, Athey

DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013:

A draft budget for fiscal year 2013 was presented by Dick Sklenar. There were no noted major expenditures forecasted. The exact cash on hand will not be known until June 30.

It was moved by Paeper, and seconded by Baker, that the advisory board recommends to the District's Board of Directors that the draft Fiscal Year 2013 budget be accepted. Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 - 0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Bonderson, Athey

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

There was general discussion on the new Pigeon/Jones dam near Hubbard.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:27p.m.