

MINUTES OF THE  
DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL WATER  
ADVISORY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

The Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Haafke at 7:30 P.M. on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Bill Haafke	Harold Moes	Dick Sklenar – P-MRNRD
Mick Samuelson	Kevin Chambers*	Bill Woehler – P-MRNRD
Pat Green	Gail Jensen	Dennis Reinert - Public
Bob Boals		Larry Armbricht-Public
Sam Heikes		
Duane Rohde		

\*Denotes excused absence

**REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY THE DAKOTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

Dennis Reinert requested that the Advisory Board consider an elimination or reduction of the Dakota County Historical Society's water bills (Acct.#589). The organization stated that they did not qualify for a tax exempt status. Dick Sklenar stated that the District does not give discounts to any organization for water service. It was also learned that the local power company refused the request as well. There was further discussion. No action or recommendation was taken by the Advisory Board.

**CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Motion #1** A motion was made by Pat Green and seconded by Bob Boals to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried. 6-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION:**

A. **BILLS**

B. **REVIEW REV/EXP WITH ANNUAL BUDGET**

Dick Sklenar gave the Financial Report on January business for February.

Checks paid in the month of February (\$40,979.44). Electronic Bank payment to Century Links on December telephone charges for \$137.15.

**Motion #2** A motion was made by Sam Heikes and seconded by Bob Boals, to recommend to the District to accept the Financial Report as given for January business and checks for February. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried. 6-0.

Advisory Board reviewed Revenue and Expense with Annual budget for 2012 Budget.

**WATERUSE REPORT/DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:**

Dick Sklenar gave the water use report. The water use report for December water was 78.7% with the monthly average for the year 84.5%.

There was 38 customer's on the February 7<sup>th</sup>, Shut-off list.

On the January 10<sup>th</sup>, certified list all 34 customer's made payment or arrangements to make payment.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW HOOK-UPS AND TRANSFERS:**

There were no new Hook-ups.

There was one Transfer: #310 Bounnyoth Kham to Brent Vance.

**Motion #3** A motion was made by Duane Rohde and seconded by Bob Boals to recommend to the District to accept the above Transfer. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**DAKOTA & THURSTON CO. - REGIONAL WATER STUDY**

Dick Sklenar discussed with the Rural Water Advisory Board the study JEO Engineering is conducting as part of a Bureau of Reclamation grant to look at water supply problems and issues in Thurston and Dakota counties. Information was handed out. The study is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Dick Sklenar gave the Manager's report. Regular maintenance has been done for the month. Still doing lots of locates for NPPD, digging up and exposing water lines.

Customer Duane Rohde had a building fire at his residence. Fire department used the hydrant on 200<sup>th</sup> and -G- Ave, which stirred up sediment in our water lines in this area. Resident's in the area called about discolored water and District personnel did some flushing to address the concern. Customer Ken Baker was in and upset about the discolored water. Informed staff that he sent a water sample to a lab in Omaha.

Layne Western re-aligned and re-welded pumps to the floor at the booster pump station. Vibration of the pumps has now been addressed.

Dakota City is expected to increase the water rates to the District in the next few months. Dick Sklenar stated that rural water customers would most likely see an adjustment to their rates as well. A draft of the proposed adjustment will be discussed at the March meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business, the Rural Water Advisory Board adjourned by acclamation at 9:00 P.M.

Marge Stark – Rural Water, Sec.