

Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2010

A meeting of the Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board was held at the NRD field office in Walthill, NE, on Tuesday, June 15 , 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlan Witte at 7:45 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:**

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

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

**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 4-0.

Voting Aye: Witte, Paeper, Baker, Bonderson

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Athey

**WATER USAGE REPORT:**

It was mentioned by Dick Sklenar that it would appear consumption by consumers for the current fiscal year is down somewhat. He stated that much water was lost during the last week of January due to a power outage at the water tower. The signal to the pump station in Pender was interrupted and an overflow of the water tower occurred. Manual operation of the pump station lasted for approximately 3 days until commercial power was restored. Overall the rural water system is in good condition. Dennis Piper stated that one water main break occurred as a result of a contractor laying tile. It was discovered that the District's computer spam filter had inadvertently filtered out some of the one-call notices. The spam filter has been corrected and will be checked on occasion.

## **OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A chart was provided to Advisory Board members indicating that the water system's operating capital was in better shape than three years ago. This is a direct result of keeping operating expenses at a minimum without affecting the quality of service.

Dick Sklenar also stated that the pump station in Pender is undergoing a renovation. The exterior of the building has been completely repainted and a new exterior doorway has been replaced. The former chlorine room at the pump station still needs to be power washed and cleaned with a final painting on the interior walls. One new hookup for the fiscal year was received for the Michael Albrecht property. There was further discussion by the Advisory Board members.

It was moved by Witte, and seconded by Paeper, that the water use and financial reports be accepted.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Aye: Witte, Paeper, Baker, Bonderson

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Athey

## **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011:**

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 was presented to the Advisory Board members for discussion. Still on the schedule is the repainting of the interior of the water tower which is expected to be about \$30,000 - \$35,000. Advisory Board members proposed no changes to the draft budget.

It was moved by Witte, and seconded by Baker, that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011 be recommended for approval by the District's Board of Directors.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Aye: Witte, Paeper, Baker, Bonderson

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Athey

**ADJOURNMENT:** There is no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:40 p.m.