

Washington County Rural Water #2 Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2007

A meeting of the Washington County Rural Water #2 Advisory Board was held at the field office in Blair, Nebraska, on Thursday, April 26, 2007.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 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>
Wayne Talbert Jim Zavadil John Kirk John Kuti	Larry Kusek Deb Gloden	Dick Sklenar and Marty Thieman, NRD Staff

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

Voting Yea: Wayne Talbert, Jim Zavadil, John Kirk, John Kuti

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Larry Kusek, Deb Gloden

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Members present needed to appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the advisory board. Jim Zavadil nominated Wayne Talbert for Chairperson. Wayne Talbert nominated John Kuti for Chairperson. By informal voting, Talbert was elected Chairperson. John Kuti was appointed Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Dick Sklenar and Marty Thieman provided information regarding the events over the past twelve months regarding the operation of the rural water system. It was mentioned that the District staff has been struggling with water main breaks and leaks (14 in the past 18 months) as well as areas of erosion and settlement on the water mains. Photographs taken at some of the locations where a water main break occurred were distributed to the advisory board members. The warranty period provided by the contractor expired last October. It is hoped that the number of weaknesses in the

system will be reduced as the system ages. Board members John Kuti and John Kirk inquired about the location of gate valves and area meters within the system. Those locations were shown on a map that was available at the meeting.

The water use report was also provided indicating that the water system lost an average of 30% of the water purchased from the City of Blair due to water main breaks. Dick Sklenar indicated that the goal was to reduce this percentage by at least half within the next 12 months. Chlorination equipment has also been to enhance a chlorine residual within the distribution system. There was further discussion.

The revenue report was then handed out to advisory board members. The report was also mentioned that new hookups for the previous calendar year amounted to nine with three new hookups for calendar year 2007. The number of new hookups are below earlier projections.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 was presented to board members. All line items were explained. During the explanation line item 4331 (office supplies) was increased to \$450. Staff urged board members to visit with their neighbors who have not yet begun to use water. Their commencement of water use would have a positive effect on the water system's financial health. There was further discussion.

It was moved by Jim Zavadil and Seconded by John Kirk, that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 be recommended to the District Board of Directors for adoption.

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

Voting Yea: Wayne Talbert, Jim Zavadil, John Kirk, John Kuti

Voting Yea: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Larry Kusek, Deb Gloden

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

John Kuti inquired about the next meeting date. It was suggested by Dick Sklenar that another meeting late in the year may be necessary to discuss an adjustment in the water rates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:00 p.m.