



Washington County Rural Water Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2004

A meeting of the Washington County Rural Water Advisory Board was held on December 15, 2004, at the Fort Calhoun City Hall, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Oestmann at 6:07 p.m.

Quorum Call

Quorum Call was taken. The following Sub-Committee members were in attendance:

Advisory Members Present	Advisory Members Absent	Others Present
Paul Oestmann Mark Welscher Mitch McGowan Dennis Miller	Michael Smith	Dick Sklenar, P-MRNRD Staff

Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Oestmann called for discussion on the tentative agenda.

It Was Moved by Welscher, and seconded by McGowan that the Agenda be adopted.

Roll Call Was Taken On The Motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea:	Oestmann, Welscher, McGowan, Miller
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Absent:	Smith

Progress Report on the Development of the Washington County Rural Water #2

Dick Sklenar advised Board members on the progress made to date on the development of the Washington County Rural Water System #2. He stated that the water tower is about 40% complete and that no further work will be done until next

spring. It was also mentioned that BRB Construction (from Topeka KS) has been awarded the contract for approximately \$2,500,000 to construct the distribution system. It was expected that work may be underway next January, weather permitting. Dick Sklenar reminded Board members that a three mile interconnection between Washington County Rural Water #1 and Washington County Rural Water #2 will be paid equally between Washington County Rural Water #1 and the City of Blair. The existing rural water systems cost share will amount to approximately \$132,711.00. The City of Blair will also pay the same amount. The interconnection will provide emergency supplies from the City of Blair should it be necessary. There was further discussion by Board members.

Operations Report

It was mentioned by Dick Sklenar that thirteen new rural hookups have occurred during the calendar year thus far. There was also discussion about the current mandate from the State Health Department to take chlorine residuals from the water supply on a daily basis. Dick mentioned that a customer has been trained to take these samples, and in return the customer does not have to pay his monthly water bill.

Proposed Water Rate Schedule Adjustment

It was mentioned that it's been several years since the rural water system increased water rates to its customers. The District's water supplier, Metropolitan Utilities District, has increased the wholesale commodity rate six times since 1997. There was further discussion about adjusting the water rate schedule to compensate for those increases.

It was moved by Miller, and seconded by McGowan, that the Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed rate schedule stated below be adopted, and that it becomes effective June 1, 2005.

<u>Basic Monthly Charge</u>	\$14.35
First ten thousand gallons.....	\$3.95/1,000 gals.
Next ten thousand gallons.....	\$2.90/1,000 gals.
Next thirty thousand gallons.....	\$2.00/1,000 gals.
All over fifty thousand gallons.....	\$1.50/1,000 gals.

Roll Call Was Taken On The Motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea:	Oestmann, Welscher, McGowan, Miller
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Absent:	Smith

Water Line Extension on County Road P41

Dick Sklenar mentioned that it would be in the best interest of the rural water system to loop a segment of the distribution system when BRB Construction Company is in the immediate area. The prices for installing pipeline is extremely competitive and it would

be advantageous to the rural water system to do it at this time. It is proposed that a six inch main along County Road P41, just north of County Road 38, be installed to tie into an existing water line.

It was moved by Welscher, and seconded by McGowan, that the Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors the installation of a six inch water line along County Road P41, just north of County Road 38, be installed at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

Roll Call Was Taken On The Motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea:	Oestmann, Welscher, McGowan, Miller
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Absent:	Smith

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:46 p.m.