

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL WATER ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 24, 2004**

A meeting of the Washington County Rural Water Advisory Board was held on June 24, 2004, at the Ft. Calhoun City Hall, in Ft. Calhoun, NE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Oestmann at 7:02 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

<b>Advisory Members Present</b>	<b>Advisory Members Absent</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Paul Oestmann	Michael Smith	Dick Sklenar, NRD Staff
Dennis Miller		
Mitch McGowan		
Mark Welsher		

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- ◆ **Chairman Oestmann called for discussion on tentative Agenda. It was moved by McGowan, and seconded by Welsher, that the Agenda be adopted.**

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

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

**OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A Discussion of events that occurred during the current fiscal year was presented by Dick Sklenar. He stated that SID 296, located in northeast Douglas County, has requested that the District provide their neighborhood of about 12 homes with rural water service. The SID currently has a community well serving those homes. The District’s rural water system currently is about one half mile away, and the SID has agreed to pay for all expenses to connect their neighborhood to the rural water system. It is anticipated that this would be accomplished late this year. Copies of the newsletter and the water quality report were distributed to members present. Sklenar mentioned that both of these are sent annually to all customers. It was also mentioned that next year will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rural water system. Some capital improvements are envisioned for the next 25 years including the installation next year of a inter-connection between the existing rural water system and the one to be built west of Ft. Calhoun. This inter-connection will allow emergency water supplies to be delivered from Blair should it be necessary. It is also envisioned that approximately 125 meter pits in the rural area will need to be replaced. There was further discussion.

**WATER USAGE REPORT**

Figures on water usage for both the City of Ft. Calhoun and the rural area were distributed to the members. The amount of water sold to the rural area continues to increase as development occurs.

**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET:**

The draft FY2005 budget was presented for comment. A couple of major expenditures in the budget are \$125,000 for the inter-connection between the existing rural water system and the one proposed for construction in next 18 months. The total cost of the inter-connection is expected to be approximately \$250,000, with the City of Blair agreeing to pay the remaining half. Another expenditure discussed was the purchase of a vehicle for a new employee that will operate and maintain a rural water system. It is anticipated that 2 full time employees will be operating both rural water systems in the near future.

- ◆ **It was moved by Welsher, and seconded by Miller, that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005 be recommended to the District's Board of Directors for approval.**

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

Voting Yea: Welsher, Oestmann, Miller, McGowan

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Smith

**PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT FOR HOOKUP FEE AND RECONNECTION CHARGES:**

- ◆ **It was moved by Miller, and seconded by McGowan, to recommend to the District's Board of Directors that the hookup fee be increased by \$110.00, except for that portion of the distribution system constructed in 1998, and that the increase in the hookup fee be effective January 1, 2005.**

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

Voting Yea: Welsher, Oestmann, Miller, McGowan

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Smith

- It was moved by Welsher, and seconded by McGowan, to recommend to the District's Board of Directors that the reconnection charge be increased \$10.00, and that the increase be effective January 1, 2005.**

Roll call was taken on the Motion. The Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 0.

Voting Yea: Welsher, Oestmann, Miller, McGowan

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Smith

**PROGRESS ON RURAL WATER STUDY WEST OF FT. CALHOUN:**

Dick Sklenar mentioned that the Board of Directors anticipates taking action in August to award a contract for the construction of the water tower along Highway 133. The water tower will provide pressure for the development of a distribution system identified as Washington County Rural Water System #2. A contract for the construction of the distribution system will most likely occur in October or November of this year. Water service is expected to be available to residents west of Ft. Calhoun by late 2005. Currently, the acquisition of easements is underway. There was further discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:03 p.m.

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**THURSTON COUNTY RURAL WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 1, 2004**

A meeting of the Thurston County Rural Water Supply Advisory Board was held on July 1, 2004, at the NRD office in Walthill, NE. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlan Witte at 7:34 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following were in attendance:

<b>Advisory Members Present</b>	<b>Advisory Members Absent</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Harlan Witte	Rick Sebade	Dick Sklenar, NRD Staff
Marvin Baker	Bruce Paeper	Dennis Piper, NRD Staff
Larry Athey		

\*Absent at roll call, but present for meeting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

◆ **Chairman Witte called for discussion on tentative Agenda.**

**It was moved by Athey, and seconded by Witte, that the Agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3 to 0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Baker, Athey

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Sebade, Paeper

**WATER USAGE REPORT:**

Statistical data was provided to the Advisory Board regarding water usage for the current and previous fiscal years. The percentage for accounted for water continues to be very good. It was noted that the District's staff is very diligent in getting leaks repaired at the earliest opportunity.

**OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The revenue and financial reports were distributed to Advisory members by Dick Sklenar.

Average income thus far for the current fiscal year was \$9,458.18 versus fiscal year 2003

average monthly revenue of \$9,794.70.

Dennis Piper and Dick Sklenar also discussed several water leaks that were repaired in recent months. It was also mentioned that one of the pumps at the pump station was overhauled by Lane-Western as well as the motor. The other pump and motor will be overhauled within the next two years. Customer notification on nitrates continues to be accomplished until such time as the new water treatment plant in Pender is completed. Dick Sklenar also mentioned that engineering is underway to have another waterline crossing under Logan Creek. He felt this was the weakest location of the distribution network and that another waterline crossing would be

very beneficial, inasmuch as it would take several days to prepare a waterline break at this location. He estimated cost for a new waterline crossing at Logan Creek is approximately \$30,000. There was further discussion.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2005:**

A review of the proposed budget for Fiscal year 2005 was presented to the Advisory Board members. There was little discussion on this subject.

- ◆ **It was moved by Athey, and seconded by Baker, that the Rural Water Advisory Board recommend to the District's Board of Directors that the proposed budget for the FY2005 be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3 to 0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Baker, Athey  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Excused Absence: Sebade, Paeper

There was further discussion regarding increasing the reconnection charge.

- ❖ **It was moved by Witte, and Seconded by Athey, that the Advisory Board recommends to the District's Board of Directors that the reconnection charge be increased by \$10 (to \$50.00) commencing on January 1, 2005.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3 to 0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Baker, Athey  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Excused Absence: Sebade, Paeper

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:28 p.m.