

Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2007

A meeting of the Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board was held at the NRD field office in Walthill, NE, on Wednesday, June 20, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlan Witte at 7:35 p.m.

QUORUM CALL:

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

<u>Advisory Board Members Present</u>	<u>Advisory Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Others In Attendance</u>
Harlan Witte Marvin Baker Bruce Paeper	Larry Athey*	Dick Sklenar, NRD Staff Dennis Piper, NRD Staff Dennis Cady, NRD Staff
* absent at roll call, but present for portion of meeting		

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker,  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Athey

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bruce Paeper nominated Harlan Witte as Chairperson. Marvin Baker nominated Bruce Paeper as Vice-Chairperson. There were no other nominations for either position. Both nominated individuals agree to serve the next couple years in that position.

WATER USE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Statistical information was provided to the advisory board members by Dick Sklenar regarding water usage for the current and previous fiscal years. At this point in time, most of the water purchased from the Village of Pender can be accounted for. He stated that water sales have declined during the previous fiscal year possibly due to the most recent rate increase as well as one large consumer reverting to his wells for livestock.

Income from the sale of water and has also declined as a result of poor water sales. Figures on this issue were provided by Dick Sklenar. Interest income has risen as a

result of higher interest rates made possible by the area banks. There were no hookups during fiscal year 2007.

From an operational standpoint it was noted that there were no major main breaks that occurred during the current fiscal year. One major expenditure (\$2300) did occur for the interior inspection of the water tower. A video and written report was provided by the firm Liquivision, Inc. Generally an inspection on the interior of the water tower should be done once every five years. The recent inspection indicated that painting the interior of the water tower should occur sometime in the next two to five years. The video was shown to advisory board members later in the meeting. There was further discussion.

It was moved by Athey, and seconded by Witte, that the water use and revenue report be accepted.

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

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Athey

### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

A draft budget for fiscal year 2008 was provided to the advisory board. Each line item was discussed. Other than the possibility of installing another water line crossing under Logan Creek, there are no foreseeable major expenditures for fiscal year 2008. The advisory board was hopeful that the District could possibly cost share on providing another crossing under Logan Creek. The additional crossing would provide a safety net in the event the existing crossing were to be disrupted. Dick Sklenar indicated that a new crossing would probably cost about \$45,000, which would include engineering and design.

It was moved by Paeper, and seconded by Baker, that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 be recommended for approval to the Board of Directors of the District.

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

Voting yae: Paeper, Baker, Witte, Athey

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bruce Paeper asked for a listing of all customers on the Thurston County rural water system. He indicated that he may be able to provide the name of an individual who was willing to fill the vacancy on the advisory board. Dick Sklenar indicated that he would provide him with that information.

There be no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:55 p.m.