

Washington County Rural Water Advisory Board #2
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2009

A meeting of the Washington County Rural Water #2 Advisory Board was held at the NRD field office in Blair, Nebraska, on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Talbert at 7:00 p.m..

QUORUM CALL:

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

| <u>Advisory Board Members</u> | <u>Advisory Board Members</u> | <u>Others In Attendance</u> |
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| <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> | |
| Wayne Talbert | Larry Kusek | Dick Sklenar |
| John Kirk | | Marty Thieman |
| Jim Zavadil | | |
| John Kuti | | |

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

Voting Yea: Zavadil, Talbert, Kuti, Kirk

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Kusek

OPERATIONS REPORT

Marty Thieman provided the report of events that occurred during the current Fiscal Year:

- Nine new customers were added during calendar year 2008. Due to the decline of the economy, only 2 hookups have occurred since last July.
- No leaks on the distribution system has happened for over 13 months. Efforts to repair weak points in the system has thus far begin to pay off. A water audit report was handed out showing that most of the water in F.Y. 2009 can be accounted for.
- Rebates in the amount of \$8,085 was provided to the City of Blair last year, and \$2,145 towards the County. The rebates were a direct result of the number of hookups that occurred last year.
- The Water Quality Report and annual newsletter were sent out to consumers in April of this year.

- Water quality testing for lead and copper were taken from 10 rural residences in May. Such testing is done every 3 years to determine whether the water supply is corrosive to the homeowner's plumbing.
- Discussions are underway for a new water main to the Blair airport. The Airport Authority is willing to pay all costs for a 4 inch main. Costs associated to oversize a portion of the route to a 6 inch main will be paid up front by the airport, and reimbursed later, in the form of rebates, by the rural water system as hookups develop.

There was further discussion by Advisory Board members on water theft from fire hydrants. Marty Thieman responded that the utility does not sell water from its hydrants. Fire departments do have permission to use the water for emergency or training purposes at no charge.

Dick Sklenar provided information on revenues received thus far during fiscal year 2009. He mentioned that the monthly average for water sales has increased to \$10,356, versus last year's average of \$8,599. Wayne Talbert asked about customers paying their bills on time.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

A draft of the budget for fiscal year 2010 was presented to the Advisory Board members. Dick Sklenar went over several line items that increased. He noted that laboratory testing costs will increase dramatically to comply with state and EPA regulations. A line chart of net revenues for each month was also handed out. The final budget amount will be determined once the exact amount of cash on hand is revealed on July 1.

It was moved by Kuti, seconded by Kirk, that the Advisory Board recommends to the District Board of Directors that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010 be adopted.

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

Voting yae: Zavadil, Kuti, Kirk, Talbert

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Kusek

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:10 p.m.