

**THURSTON COUNTY RURAL WATER  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2006**

A meeting of the Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board was held on May 24, 2006, at the NRCS office in Walthill, NE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlan Witte at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Chairperson Witte called for discussion of the tentative agenda. It was moved by Baker, and seconded by Paeper, that the Agenda be adopted.

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

Voting Yea: Paeper, Baker, Witte

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Athey

**WATER USAGE REPORT**

Dick Sklenar provided figures and a graph depicting a comparison of water usage by consumers over the past 2 fiscal years. Consumption for the fiscal year is likely to be lower than last year. There was further discussion as to why this was occurring.

**OPERATIONS & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

It was mentioned that a mini grant from the State Health Dept. helped fund some security measures (replacement door locks, security lamp) at the pump station in Pender. Dick Sklenar mentioned that the Village of Pender finally increased their rates to the District now that their nitrate removal treatment plant is in operation. Dick also mentioned that though there were no major water main breaks, it was necessary to overhaul pump #2 for about \$8,000 which had been previously scheduled. Bruce Paeper inquired on progress for another crossing over Logan Creek. Dick Sklenar replied that plans and specifications have been completed, but funding the project (estimated at about \$35,000) was still yet to

be determined. Board members were also appraised of the recent rate increase necessary to offset the increase from the Village of Pender. Revenues, so far, are down in comparison to last year.

**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET:**

The proposed budget is about 2% less than last year's budget. A description of the accounts and the budgeted amounts were reviewed. There was further discussion.

It was moved by Witte, and seconded by Baker, that the Advisory Board recommends to the District' Board of Directors that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007 be adopted.

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

Voting Yea: Witte, Paeper, Baker

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Athey

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Members are advised that the Advisory Board still has one seat open.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:05p.m.