

MINUTES OF THE  
 DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL WATER  
 ADVISORY BOARD  
 MAY 09<sup>TH</sup>, 2007

The Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Haafke at 8:00 P.M. on May 09<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Bill Haafke	Gail Jensen	Randy Hummel - P-MRNRD
Pat Green	Duane Rohde	Lance Olerich - P-MRNRD
Mick Samuelson	Jim Swanson, Sr.	Margie Stark - P-NRD
Sam Heikes		Dick Sklenar – P-MRNRD
Roy Pochyla		Harold Moes – (Committee Member elect)
Kevin Chambers		

\*Denotes excused absence

CONSIDERATION OF APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

Minutes of the April 11th, 2007 Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting were reviewed.

**Motion #1** A motion was made by Sam Heikes and seconded by Kevin Chambers to approve the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION.

A. BILLS B. REVIEW REV/EXP WITH ANNUAL BUDGET

Randy gave the Financial Report for the month of April. Checks for the month of May (\$33,820.10), and Manual checks for April (\$1,519.58) were presented.

**Motion #2** A motion was made by Pat Green and seconded by Roy Pochyla to recommend to the District to accept the Financial Report for April and checks for May to be paid. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried. 6-0.

The Bond Payment Series 2003A for \$78,742.50 was paid by Bank Wire Transfer to JP Morgan Chase Bank on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Randy reviewed with the Advisory Board the Fiscal Year Revenue and Expense with Annual Budget.

Randy Hummel and Dick Sklenar presented and discussed with Advisory Board two options for a rate adjustment on water customers usage. Water rates have not been adjusted since 2000, while the rate of inflation has increased by about 19% since that time. The staff presented two rate adjustment options. Both options presented would increase revenues by about \$8,000 per year. There was much discussion on the subject. A comparison of current water rates with those of other rural water systems was made available. Dick Sklenar indicated that the advisory board in the past preferred small incremental increases to a much larger one.

**Motion #3** A motion was made by Mick Samuelson to accept Option #1 water rate adjustment.. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Motion #4** A motion was made by Roy Pochyla to table the rate adjustment until the June meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion then moved on to the draft Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. All items were reviewed. Dick Sklenar noted that the draft budget presented takes into account a rate adjustment. More discussion on a water rate adjustment followed.

**Motion #5** A motion was made by Roy Pochyla, seconded by Pat Green, to recommend to the District's Board of Directors the following water rate schedule effective October 1, 2007;

Minimum Monthly Base Charge.....\$23.50  
First 100,000 Gallons.....\$1.65 per 1,000 gallons.  
All Over 100,000 Gallons .....\$ 1.60 per 1,000 gallons.

Roll call was taken. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

**Motion #6** A motion was made by Roy Pochyla, seconded by Kevin Chambers, to recommend to the District's Board of Directors the draft budget for F.Y. 2008. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

#### WATER USE REPORT/DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Randy Hummel gave the water use report. The water use report for March water was 99.0% with the monthly average at 95.7%. There were 30 customers on the May 8th, Certified shut-off list. On the April 10<sup>th</sup>, Certified list of 34 customers, all customers made payment or arrangements to make payment.

#### CONSIDERATION OF NEW HOOK-UPS AND TRANSFERS

There were three Transfers: Unit #74 Ula Lakey to Thomas Lakey III, #192 Francis Haafke to Bill Haafke and #126 Gary Trimble to Rod Voss.

**Motion #7** A motion was made by Pat Green, seconded by Sam Heikes, to recommend to the District to accept the transfer of these three customers. On roll call vote, all yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

There was one Hook-up: #746 Bartels -1776 K- Ave. \$1,100.00. (as part of a 4000ft line extension)

**Motion #8** A motion was made by Roy Pochyla, seconded by Pat Green, to recommend to the District to accept this Bartels Hook-up. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

#### MANAGERS REPORT

Randy Hummel gave the Manager's report. Regular maintenance was done for the last month.

Randy and Lance read the meters for customers on Route #4 for the month. The 69 customers being sold to South Sioux City are in Route #4. Change over was done on May 4<sup>th</sup>., these customers were sent their last months charges on April usage. Compensation from S. Sioux City for purchasing a portion of Dakota County RW distribution system is expected before the end of the month.

Hook-up for Jeff Bartels and Mike Anderson has been completed on -K- Ave.

Water Tower interior painting work has been continuing as scheduled.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

#### ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Rural Water Advisory Board adjourned by acclamation at 9:50 P.M.

Margie Stark -- Rural Water, Sec