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MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 14, 2025

The regular monthly board meeting of Rural Water District #2, Mayes County, Oklahoma was held at the District Office in Mazie Oklahoma.

Notice of meeting was posted April 11, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. on the office door of Mayes County Rural Water District No. 2 in Mazie.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Amos Allen at 7:29 p.m.

Quorum was established – Members present: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder.

Members late: None.

Members left early: None.

Members absent: Charles Coblenz, Michael Southern, John Cobb, and Jason Turner.

Employees present: Tom Rotert, Brian Kellogg, Ryann Rotert and Kathy Waggoner.

Visitors present: Amy Allen and Lucian Goodman.

Under Public Comment:

Amy Allen was present from Carpenter Addition. Some settings were adjusted and parts were replaced in an attempt to keep the tower pumps running properly. The District has not had many, if any, complaints about dropping pressure since those changes were made. Ms. Allen stated that she had relayed the information from the meeting last month to the neighborhood but had not heard anything.

Lucian Goodman with Metron was present to give information on their Automatic Meter Reading System. Metron is an all cellular meter system, currently working with AT&T and Verizon, with TMobile and Starlink coming in the near future. There are no annual maintenance or software fees for 10 years. They are the manufacturer and distributor of their meters, which are a single jet turbine meter, and come in brass or composite. The meters have exceptional low flow accuracy, reading down to 1/100 of a gallon, and picking up 8-10% of water loss immediately upon installation. They offer a full warranty for the first 10 years, then prorated warranty for the second 10 years. Their battery has a 22.5 year life. Their endpoint collects data at one minute intervals and saves 45 days of data. They have a customer portal where the customer can login and set their own notifications, as well as the office being able to receive notification of possible customer side leaks. On the District side, the system figures water loss daily and their system should be able to work with our watch meter setup. Without having a specific quote, it would cost an estimated \$1,200,000.00 for brass meters for our District, not including installation (which would be outsourced and estimated at taking 4-6 weeks to complete). Mr. Goodman proposed a pilot program where Metron installs 10 meters for 60 days for the District to see how the software works, and how well the meters send the data, especially in past difficult reception areas. This is usually at a cost of approximately \$3,900.00. Mr. Goodman was asked to send us a list of customers we could contact, a standard contract for legal review, a contract for the pilot program and to set up a meeting for their leak detection and billing demonstrations.

before the next meeting so the Board could potentially take action regarding a pilot program. No action taken.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Dale Yoder to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Diacon to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2025 Special meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Special meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Diacon to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 Special meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Dale Yoder and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve March bills check numbers 21244-21278 plus 16 bills to be paid online, April payroll and postage in the amount of \$87,349.62 from the Welch State Bank Revenue Fund and check numbers 1014 and 1015 from the BancFirst account in the amount of \$108,161.84 for a total disbursement of \$195,511.46. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve the following benefit unit applications:

- BU# 920- Raymond Galloway
- BU# 3064- Brandon Hawkins
- BU# 3076- Edward Clewien
- BU# 3075- Joe Mast
- BU# 3077- Brian Rider
- BU# 3078- Logan Reed
- BU# 3105- Terry Quigley

The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to approve the following benefit unit transfers:

- BU# 2598 – Johnny and Ruby Marshall to Floyd Troyer
- BU# 1647 – Johnny Marshall to Floyd Troyer
- BU# 776 – Willie and Mary Cotton to Ray Cotton
- BU# 432 – William Simpson to David Timmons
- BU# 1365 – Kenneth Grubbs to Betty Terrell
- Bu# 1155 – Mike Aery to Heather Hill
- BU# 31.1 – Mayes and Wanda Keys to Brandon Hawkins

The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Dale Yoder to acknowledge the resignation of

Zachary Korthals, effective March 25, 2025. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Dale Yoder to approve the hiring of Jesse Armstrong at \$16.00/hour with a 90-day probation, effective April 1, 2025. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Dale Yoder to approve the hiring of Dylan Lyman at \$16.00/hour with a 90-day probation, effective April 1, 2025. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve the transfer of \$1,500.00 from the Revenue Fund account to the Deposit Refund account at Welch State Bank. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Ed Yoder to close Armstrong Bank CD# 140538 upon maturity and place the funds in a money market account with Edward Jones Company. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Dale Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to close Armstrong Bank CD# 140562 upon maturity and place the funds in a money market account with Edward Jones Company. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to award the Inola Port WWTP Water Line Extension Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Ira M Green Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$978,463.00, subject to required bonds and insurance, legal review, mutual approval, and execution of the contract. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the board to execute the Agreement and Notice to Proceed for the Inola Port WWTP Water Line Extension Project. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to approve a Construction Funding Agreement with the City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority, in the amount of \$1,088,025.55 for the construction of the South Inola Port WWTP Water Line Extension Project. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

Engineer Brian Kellogg gave a brief Engineering Report: There is a potential customer at the Port of Inola who now says they will require up to 6 million gallons a day. Engineer gave an updated estimate of cost for infrastructure improvements that would be required to meet this demand of \$40-45 million. Still in the preliminary phase; no definite demand has been provided. The development/line extension agreement has not been submitted either.

Tom Rotert gave a Manager's Report: Water loss was up to 47.46%. He suspects this is largely due to the high number of accounts being estimated; the no read list is over 1,150. He plans to get as many meters as possible read this month to get a more accurate representation of the water loss. There was also a main line leak on a 4 inch line found and fixed in Locust Grove, near the Dam Store, that was losing a significant amount of water. Hopefully this is reflected in next month's water loss decreasing.

Many more customers are paying by credit/debit card, so the BancFirst account is consistently growing. Paying a couple bills out of this account this month to keep the balance under FDIC limits.

While looking for a leak, it was found that there was a service line at the Lake Crest Fire Department that was bypassing the meter. This service line was feeding multiple buildings and post hydrants used for filling the water tanks on the fire trucks. It is unknown how long this service line has been being used without being charged or at least accounting for the usage. The Fire Chief has been advised that they need to apply for the larger meter, get approval from the Engineer that their usage will not interrupt the neighbors, and that all usage must be metered. As the District cannot give away water at no cost, the Manager was willing to discuss supplying water at cost. No one has started the process.

While looking into applying for the R.I.G. Grant through ORWA, the Manager found that in addition to the backhoe, the accompanying trailer may be included as well, if instructed by the Board.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Diacon to approve the District Manager applying for a R.I.G. Grant for a backhoe and trailer. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Diacon to adjourn. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Diacon, John Hardin, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Amos Allen at 9:48 p.m.

Secretary Treasurer
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