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MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 9, 2024

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 December 6, 2024, 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 Chairman Charles Coblentz at 7:28 p.m.

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

Members late: None.

Members left early: None.

Members absent: Michael Southern and Jason Turner

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

Visitors present: Rick Denley and Tony Goodman with Cowboy Gathering Church, Dee Sokolosky, Seth Keith, and Nick Sokolosky with 1st Bank of Owasso and Kelley Kyle.

Under Public Comment: Rick Denley and Tony Goodman were present representing Cowboy Gathering Church to gather information regarding the Church's fire suppression system and the requirements for the District to implement the system. Initial requirements would include submitting a Developer's Application to begin a proper estimate of requirements that would likely include upgrades to the main lines including road bores and easement acquisition.

Kelly Kyle was present to request assistance with the water charges incurred due to a leak that he believed to be the District's responsibility to repair. Mr. Kyle believed that not only was it the District's responsibility to repair several leaks over several months, but that the District caused some of those leaks due to the placement of the meter and wanted the meter moved in addition to forgiving the charges on his account. All of the known leaks were in fact on the customer side of the meter and Mr. Kyle and previously been given a standard leak adjustment in the amount of \$557.00, leaving a balance on the account of approximately \$1,600.00. The Board agreed that the charges would stand but the District would work with Mr. Kyle on the payment of the balance, allowing a payment plan with no late fees incurred. The Board also agreed that the placement of the meter would remain due to the limited area for placement on the property.

Dee Sokolosky, Seth Keith, and Nick Sokolosky were present representing 1st Bank of Owasso to discuss options other than Certificates of Deposit for the District to invest funds with. They discussed Treasury Bills (T Bills) as an option that would not keep funds inaccessible. T Bills would be able to be withdrawn at any time with no penalty yet still earn a competitive rate.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2024, meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Dale Yoder. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Amos Allen to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024, Special meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Cobb to approve October bills check numbers 21072-21106 plus 14 bills to be paid online, November payroll and postage in the amount of \$236,186.61 from the Welch State Bank Revenue Fund. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Jason Turner to approve new BU#s 3100 and 3101. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Amos Allen to approve the following benefit unit transfers: BU#s 2679, 175, 1686, 1958, 3052, 441, 1454, 2523, 1, 1085, 414, 1542, 1219, and 266-4.. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Cobb to approve Pay Request No. 11 from DMD Construction in the amount of \$7,499.35 for the 2023 Valve Project and remit with check number 21107 from the Revenue fund with the payee being DMD Construction AND Utility Supply, then submit for reimbursement to the District from the loan trustee. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Jason Turner to approve Pay Request No. 4 from General Underground Construction for the 2024 US Hwy 412 Grand Rover Bore and Water Line Project in the amount of \$22,325.00. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Jason Turner to approve renewing Armstrong Bank CD# 140562 for a 6-month term upon maturity. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Amos Allen and seconded by John Cobb to approve renewing Armstrong Bank CD# 643076 for a 6-month term upon maturity. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve renewing Welch State Bank CD# 21662 for a 6-month term upon maturity. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Jason Turner and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve renewing Welch State Bank CD# 21270 for a 6-month term upon maturity. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Jason Turner and seconded by John Hardin to approve renewing Welch State Bank CD# 21271 for a 6-month term upon maturity. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles

Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Amos Allen to approve renewing Welch State Bank CD# 21273 for a 6-month term upon maturity. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Diacon to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by Jason Turner to approve the hiring of Zachary Korthals at \$16.00/hour starting November 12, 2024, with a 90 day probation period. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by John Hardin to approve a Christmas Bonus for employees employed one year or more of \$1,500.00 for full time and \$750.00 for part time and pro-rated for employees employed less than one year. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Revenue Fund to the Deposit Refund account. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

Engineer Brian Kellogg gave an Engineering Report: Upon further talks with Mayes County, the proposed water line extension project near the Dam Store will not involve Cherokee Nation. There will be no cost to the District; the entire project will be funded by Mayes County with grant funds. Ferguson (Kamstrup) sent a quote of \$1,935,000.00 (installed) with repeaters on each water tower plus 3 additional towers to work in sparse areas. Customers would benefit immensely from their leak detection as well as be able to log into their own account and see their usage. The District would not benefit as much from the leak detection as hoped but could still potentially save approximately \$400,000.00 a year in water loss, paying for the system in 5 years. The quote given today would be good until March.

Tom Rotert gave a Manager's Report: Water loss was up to 47.67%. There was a leak at Grandview last month that contributed significantly to the water loss, along with a large leak on an 8-inch line near Deer run. Hoping to see water loss down some next month. The Christmas Dinner has been set for December 7, 2024, at 6:00pm at Smokin' Sisters in downtown Wagoner.

Under New Business:

A motion was made by Jason Turner and seconded by Ed Yoder to invite a representative from 1st Bank of Owasso to present options in place of CDs for the District's funds. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, and Jason Turner. Voting no: None. Abstained: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Charles Coblentz at 9:14 p.m.

Secretary Treasurer
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