

Rural Water District No. 1
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2022

At 6:46 pm, Chairman Martin Bland noting a quorum called the regular board meeting to order.

Roll Call: Directors present were Howard Wehrman, Martin Bland, Butch Teppe, Ralph Larson, Joel Christy, and John Dolezal.

Directors not Present: Brad Miller, Kayla Errebo, and Jon Wright.

Others Present: Leslee Rivarola (Virtual), Doug Janssen, and Kendra Neuman in the District Office.

Guests: None

At 6:47 pm, Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Dolezal made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. Seconded by Director Wehrman. Motion carried.

At 7:12 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #4 on the agenda. Director Dolezal called for a motion to approve the bills. Director Dolezal made a motion to pay the bills, not to exceed the amount of \$334,389.45. Seconded by Director Christy. Motion carried.

At 7:15 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #5 on the agenda. Chairman Bland asked Mr. Janssen what it would take to update the district to e-billing rather than the paper billing cards that are currently mailed. Mr. Janssen explained that the office does not currently have the software to email bills. The RVS billing software requires another module for e-billing. That would have to be purchased separately. He also noted that as it currently stands with each customer sending in their own readings each month, there isn't a bill to email. As Post Rock begins the process of switching over to the AMR meters, the e-billing will become more feasible and could be addressed again in the future. No action taken.

At 7:34 pm, Chairman Bland called for Item #6 on the agenda. Mr. Janssen presented the General Manager's report along with the Distribution and Plant reports. Mrs. Neuman presented the Office Manager's report.

At 8:07, after the plant report had been presented, Chairman Bland noted his concern at hearing the plant has been running at full capacity. To keep the district from going over capacity, Chairman Bland suggested closing the district to new customers until further notice. His concern being that if the district runs into water shortages, current customers could potentially be ordered into water rationing measures. Mrs. Rivarola intervened recommending instead, a

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moratorium to be addressed again by the board in 60 days. The board discussed this as well as other options. One option, besides stopping the addition of new customers would be cutting back flow to wholesale customers. Saline 7 and J-Six are both using more water than their contracts allow. Another option would be to cut the supply to Purefield Industries. The district is not contractually obligated to sell any water to Purefield. After much discussion, no action was taken.

At 9:23, Director Christy called for Executive Session. Chairman Bland made a motion to take a brief recess and to reconvene into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes at 9:30 to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319(b) (1); with the justification being to discuss the performance and or discipline of individual non-elected employees of the District, to include all board members present and Ms. Rivarola. Seconded by Director Larson. Motion carried.

At 9:45 pm, the Board of Directors went back into open session, and Director Christy made a motion to extend the executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319(b) (1); with the justification being to discuss the performance and or discipline of individual non-elected employees of the District, to include all board members present and Ms. Rivarola. Seconded by Director Teppe. Motion carried.

At 10:00 pm, the Board of Directors reconvened in open session. Director Christy made a motion to rescind the reimbursement included in the bills to be paid earlier in the meeting in the amount of \$416.63 to Mr. Janssen for spouse medical premium coverage. Director Teppe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:07 pm, Director Larson made a motion to enter an Executive Session for ten (10) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1); further that all board members and Ms. Rivarola and Mr. Janssen be included in the Executive Session. Seconded by Director Teppe. Motion carried.

At 10:17 pm, the Board of Directors reconvened in open session having taken no action during executive session, and Director John Dolezal motioned to extend the executive session to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)1; to include all board members present and

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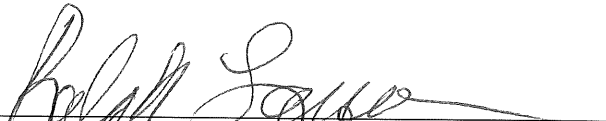
Ms. Rivarola and Mr. Janssen for 15 minutes. Director Teppe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session at 10:32 pm having taken no action during executive session.

At 10:35 pm, Director Dolezal made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Director Teppe. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Respectively Submitted:



Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date