

Rural Water District No. 1
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2023

At 6:37 pm Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and called for roll call. Directors present at roll call: Director Wright, Director Bland, Director Wehrman, Director Dolezal, Director Christy, Director Larson, Director Teppe, Director Griffith-Hughes, and Director Robbins.

Staff present: Angela Naegele and Roxanne Stevenson. Others present: Leslee Rivarola (consultant), Todd Luckman (legal counsel), and Katrine Colder.

Chairman Wright called for public comment with a 5-minute time limit. Ms. Katrine Colder offered public comment regarding the benefit unit transfer fee.

Chairman Wright called for the consent agenda. Chairman Bland motioned to accept the consent agenda as published. Chairman Wright did note he intends to discuss Purefield Ingredients under the Board Member reports. Director Robbins seconded. All members voted affirmatively.

Chairman Wright made a motion to go into executive session for attorney-client privilege for the justification to consult with legal counsel at 6:45 pm to include all member of the board of directors, Todd Luckman, and Leslee Rivarola. Director Teppe seconded. All members voted affirmatively.

The board reconvened in open session at 7:05 pm. Director Bland made a motion to go back into executive session for 15 minutes based on the attorney-client privilege exception with the justification being to consult with the District's attorney for legal consultation, with all members of the board of directors, Todd Luckman, and Leslee Rivarola. The motion was seconded by Director Griffith-Hughes. All members voted affirmatively.

Executive session ended at 7:20 pm with no action being taken.

Chairman Wright called for the next item on the agenda – the bills to be paid. Director Larson inquired about the length of pipe or total feet of pipe for Core & Main. Roxanne Stevenson provided a response. Discussion continued. Director Larson asked if the pipe is bid with larger projects. The project was bid. Director Bland motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$113,952.19. Director Griffith-Hughes seconded. All members voted affirmatively.

Chairman Wright called for the next item which included the property, casualty, and liability insurance policy renewals. Discussion followed regarding deductibles. Butch motioned the board take option 2, Gretchen seconded. All members voted affirmatively.

Chairman Wright called for board member reports and discussed the R9 Ranch Project recently reported in the *Hays Post* and that Mr. Steve Ellis of Purefield contacted him requesting to discuss Purefield's water needs. Discussion followed about inviting Purefield to the next board meeting. Discussion continued among the Board regarding current water purchase agreements, including minimum and maximum water obligations.

Chairman Wright called for the distribution report. Director Bland called the board's attention to property the District is responsible for mowing and the possibility of obtaining bids for mowing. Discussion continued about obtaining bids from local contractors to mow certain areas and how to divide the properties. Quintin Vague would be responsible for overseeing the contracted work. Discussion continued regarding the potential to outsource this work due to staffing shortage. Discussion continued about whether or not to make direct contact with individuals and companies who mow or to place an ad in the newspaper. Board members are going to reach out to contractors and individuals who mow to obtain pricing. Consensus was reached to also place an ad in the Russell paper for District owned property around Russell.

Chairman Wright called for the treatment report. There was discussion about the status of the pump and the motor that has been having issues. Discussion continued about pump 3, pump 1, and pump 2.

Chairman Wright called for the office manager report. Angela Naegele and Roxanne Stevenson presented the report. Discussion regarding the District's water loss followed.

At 8:20 pm Chairman Wright called for a short break until 8:30 pm.

At 8:30 pm Chairman Wright called the meeting back to order.

At 8:30 pm Marty Bland motioned to enter into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with justification being to discuss individual candidates to include all board members, Angela Naegele, Roxanne Stevenson, and Leslee Rivarola. Director Robbins seconded for 20 minutes. All members present voted affirmatively.

At 8:50 pm the board of directors entered back into open session with no action being taken.

Director Christy motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Director Dolezal seconded. All members voted affirmatively.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ralph Larson

Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date