

Rural Water District No. 1
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023

At 6:36 pm Chairman Bland called the meeting to order and called for roll call.

Directors present at roll call: Director Bland, Director Wehrman, Director Robbins, Director Dolezal, and Director Christy. Director Griffith-Hughes, Director Larson, and Director Teppe was absent.

Staff present: Jon Wright, Angela Naegele, Roxanne Stevenson,

Others present: Leslee Rivarola (consultant).

Mr. Wright shared there were representatives from Wilson Lake Estates

Chairman Bland called for any additions or revisions to the agenda. The board moved to move item number 4 to item number 2 on the agenda.

Mr. Fred Kuntzsch, HOA president of Wilson Lake Estates addressed the board of directors regarding the properties within Wilson Lake Estates. He discussed Lake View Lane and the Post Rock water line and services. He indicated that he has been the homes association president for about two years. He came to Post Rock when Doug Janssen was the general manager. They have two licensed operators but they are currently in their 80's and need to find another long term solution. There are only 3 full time residents. Over 50 percent of houses are 1500 square feet. Mr. Kuntzsch indicated that he spent considerable time working with Mr. Janssen. They were not able to get this resolved with Mr. Janssen and asked to come to a board meeting. Mr. Wright addressed the issue and said one solution could be a master meter. Wilson Lakes offered their well to Mr. Janssen when he was working with Post Rock and they were told that Post Rock wouldn't want their well because of cross-contamination. Discussion followed. Mr. Wright said 10 residents have already paid for their hydraulic study. Chairman Bland said all 20 houses should have been evaluated not 1 house at a time. Mr. Wright provided information on how much water has been sold to Wilson Lake Estates. Discussion followed regarding which houses are currently hooked up with Post Rock. Discussion followed. Director Wehrmann inquired on the size of the District's infrastructure and water lines in this area. Discussion followed regarding next steps and the need to involve the District's engineer. Wilson Lake Estates representatives left the meeting.

Chairman Bland called for approval of the minutes. Director Dolezal motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Robbins seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman Bland called for approval of the benefit unit transfers. Chairman Bland asked if any of the transfers were at Wilson Lake Estates. Ms. Naegele responded no. Director Christy motioned

and Director Robbins seconded approval of the benefit unit transfers. All members present voted in favor.

Chairman Bland called for the next item on the agenda – Saline 7 Rural Water District. Mr. Garrett Cloyd from Saline 7 addressed the Board. Saline 7 is currently exceeding their contracted water amount. Mr. Cloyd indicated they attached additional area to their territory and would like to consider a new or amended contract to purchase more water from Post Rock. Mr. Cloyd asked what would be required to amend the contract to increase the guaranteed amount of water from 691,200 to 950,000 gallons per month. Mr. Cloyd said they want to know the board's requirements for minimums. Discussion followed regarding Saline 7's boundaries, their water needs, and the amount of water Saline 7 needs. Mr. Luckman addressed the board regarding wholesale water contracts and capacity. Mr. Luckman addressed the wholesale contracts that are aging out did not have minimums but required the District to commit to capacity. Mr. Cloyd responded that the board anticipated being required to take a minimum. Discussion followed.

Chairman Bland asked to approve the expense report and the bills to be paid. Mr. Wehrman asked about the cost of certain leaks. Ms. Stevenson responded. Discussion followed regarding the cost of meters and lids. Discussion followed. Director Larson made a motion to pay \$140,305.09. Director Dolezal seconded. All members present voted in favor.

Chairman Bland called for the attorney report. Mr. Luckman addressed the board of directors on the questions of rates and contracts in detail. Discussion followed. Mr. Wright inquired about Bunker Hill connecting to Russell RWD #3 and if it was prohibited. Chairman Bland inquired about the final notice letter to customers who have not paid the benefit transfer fee. Discussion followed. Director Larson motioned to direct the office manager to issue a new notice to unpaid transfer fee customers that payment must be made immediately to avoid shut off of water and possible termination of benefit unit. Director Christy seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Wright provided the general manager's report. Discussion followed. Director Larson brought up the geologist Ned Marks studying locations for water. Discussion followed. Mr. Wright provided an update on the District's pumps and motors and their current condition. Mr. Wright provided an update on engineering and options for the District. Discussion followed. Mr. Wright provided some estimates on information he prepared on Wilson Lake Estates. Discussion followed. Mr. Wright provided updates on his first couple of weeks at the District. Discussion followed regarding how much time it takes to install meters as well as the cost of AMRs and how much it would cost if a customer wanted an AMR installed. Mr. Wright also provided an update on an individual he interviewed for a distribution position. Chairman Bland brought up employee wages and raised the question whether the board should consider another wage increase. Mr. Wright brought up the idea of distribution employees driving vehicles home. Discussion followed with the board taking no formal action.


At 10 pm Director Dolezal motioned to recess into executive session for 15 minutes under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss non-elected personnel with the justification to discuss

performance of individual employees for 15 minutes. Director Robbins seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

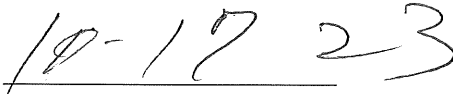
The board reconvened in regular session at 10:15 pm having taken no action in executive session.

Director Dolezal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 pm. Director Christy seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:



Ralph Larson, Secretary/Treasurer



Date