

Franklin County Rural Water District #1
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024

PRESENT: Cathy Duderstadt, Dawn Rumford, Larry Endecott, Garrett Taylor, Brad O'Dea, Gary Clark, Tom Wilson, David Alderman.

VISITORS: Jason Killian (water district member)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Endecott called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dawn moved that the October 2024 minutes be approved as presented, Gary seconded, motion carried.

3. OPERATOR'S REPORT:

Tom reported on his activities for the last month. Lots of locates, the normal samplings. The tower pump house still has a few finish details to be completed, but Tom has been looking for a 4" meter to measure the water through the pump house. The City of Wellsville had one they were no longer using, and gave it to Tom for quite a savings. Tom replaced the heat/AC unit at the shop. KDOT Hwy33 project still in preliminary stages. Tom has been working on policy for the District to make some type of refund to a member who solely finances a water main extension, and later a second or third meter is sold on that line. Tom has used input from several sources. (To be discussed in Old Business) Tom attended the HAWK meeting held at the Miami water district office. Tom's full summary of his activities is in his report to the Board included in the packet.

4. BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:

Cathy reviewed the financials with the Board, answered any questions. District was black for the month for both Capital Improvement and Operations. Cathy pointed out that it was time to move the annual \$5K to the truck replacement account, and noted that trucks have gotten so expensive that 5K probably won't cover it. Garrett moved to fund the truck account, Brad seconded, motion carried. Garrett moved to approve the financials as presented, and pay all bills, Brad seconded, motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Water Main Extension Cost Reimbursement from now on known as MECR. Tom's work to have a policy to help pay back a new member who solely financed a water line extension. Board appreciated Tom's work, suggested the draft be sent to our lawyers to see if they might have any suggestions.

Member Jason Killian has agreed to become a board member to finish out Karen Walburn's term, two more years. Garrett moved to appoint, Brad seconded, motion

carried. Alderman has elected not to run again, so need to find a replacement.

Cathy's replacement. As of now, two names have surfaced, Board asked that resumes be requested from both.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Water application KanEquip. Garrett moved to approved with engineer's approval, Dawn seconded, motion carried.

Travis and Marilyn Sink have requested a time extension on their water application. No fault on their part, Dawn moved to give them a 30-day extension, Gary seconded, Garrett abstained, motion passed.

Three benefit unit transfers, #0386, #0584, #0247, Garrett moved to approve, Dawn seconded, motion passed.

2025 Budget. Cathy reviewed with the Board her work so far with a preliminary 2025 budget. 25 cent per 1000 gal. increase, insurance increase, raises, etc. Garrett moved to table until next month to study, look at other numbers, look at cost of living numbers, so on. Brad seconded; motion carried.

Board reviewed with Tom his 2025 "Capital Improvement Wish List". High on Tom's list is the replacement of the concrete shop floor. Tom will get some estimates. Other items on the list are listed in the board packet.

Dawn moved to approve purchasing new tires for the company truck, Garrett seconded, motion carried.

Garrett moved to provide \$100. to provide food for the meeting in December, Brad seconded, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Dawn moved to adjourn at 8:45pm. Gary seconded; motion carried.