

Franklin County Rural Water District #1
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022

PRESENT: Cathy Duderstadt, Karen Walburn, Nicole Roecker, Garrett Taylor, Brad O'Dea, Larry Endicott, Keith McAdoo, Gary Clark, Tom Wilson, David Alderman.

VISITORS: Shelby Horn, Eric Duderstadt both representing Ottawa Kansas State Bank Merchant Services.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Chairman Taylor called on the Kansas State Bank representatives to present. They outlined a service through the bank where customers could pay their water bills using their debit or credit cards and electronic checks. We currently have this service available through Kan Pay and so far, have had no issue with them. According to Eric and Shelby their service using a company called Bankers Bank of Kansas would be better for the District because it would be quicker, more accounting options, easier for Cathy, dealing with a local Bank, and no contract. The fees for card payments would be the same as Kan Pay at 2.5%, but electronic check fees would be fifty cents less at \$1 per transaction. They answered questions, we indicated we would discuss, and let them know our decision.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith moved that the September 20 minutes be approved as presented. Larry seconded; motion carried.

4. OPERATORS REPORT:

Tom Wilson reported on his and Nicole's activities for the month. Tom provided the Board with a written summary of their month, which is included with the Board packet. Tom reviewed a major break involving Vyve Company. They cut through a four-inch line, major leak, major loss in pressure, resulting in a boil order from KDHE. Contractor had not requested a locate, so they were responsible for the cost of repair. Several meters set, looking for the two-inch line for the Moore/Ward meter, which seems to have been misplaced. Tom is now having some issues keeping the chlorine level up from our Miami 2 supply line. They and we are looking for the answer to that issue. Cooler weather may help some. Tom was able to repair our "Thumper" so it's back in operation.

5. BOOKKEEPERS REPORT:

Cathy reviewed the financials, September was in the black, water usage is high because of the hot day weather. Cathy reviewed the accounts receivable, and the bills to pay. Larry moved to approve the financials, and pay the bills. Gary seconded; motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS: No old business

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Cathy reviewed two water leak assistance requests. As per the District policy, Keith moved to adjust the bills for David and Sandy Vestal and Prairie Paws Animal Shelter. Larry seconded; motion carried.

The Board discussed the Kansa State Banks proposal for credit card payments, and decided that staying local was important. Larry moved to switch the District card services to KSB, Karen seconded, motion carried.

Cathy reviewed CD maturities, both Kansas State Bank, and the new Ottawa bank, Oak Star have reached out to offer better than average rates, (3.75%) so Larry moved to split the maturing monies between the two banks. Karen seconded; motion carried. Tom has been reviewing different phone plans, and is recommending that we switch from Verizon to T Mobile. Larry moved to make that switch, Keith seconded, motion carried.

Tom reviewed bids to improve water movement and quality on Texas Road by looping a two-inch line. He recommended using Gary Harris, which had the lower bid, but also Tom would like to have other contractors involved in the District. His bid was \$20,038.52. Brad moved to accept that bid, Keith seconded, motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Karen moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm., Keith seconded, motion carried.