

Franklin County Rural Water District #1
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022

Note: Meeting held at First Christian Church Ottawa to provide proper social distancing during Covid-19.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Karen Walburn moved that the May minutes be approved as printed, Larry Endicott seconded, motion carried.

3. OPERATORS REPORT:

Tom reviewed his and Nicole's activities for the month. A complete summary of their activities is under separate cover in the Board packet. Some highlights: Tom's company truck still in the shop waiting for a new transmission. Could possibly take several months longer. Tom attended the recent HAWC annual meeting at Miami 2 water distribution plant, and gave the Board a summary of that meeting. Tom is still moving forward on replacing his phone, but in the meantime found that Nicole's phone was no better, and suggested that we replace both. Larry Endicott moved that both phones be replaced, Keith McAdoo seconded, motion carried. Tom found a connection problem at the Amazing Grace Bible Camp, in which they were using water, but the meter was not reading the usage. Seems that the system had a bypass installed in it at some point, and that bypass was supplying their water rather than through the meter. Tom locked the bypass closed, so now only metered water is available. It's unknown how much water was used without being recorded.

4. BOOKKEEPERS REPORT:

Cathy reviewed the May financials, and year to date numbers. She reviewed the recent CD renewal/replacement, which turned out to be at a lower rate than expected. Cathy updated the Board on our new software package that will facilitate paperless billing. All went well, so far about thirty members have signed up for it. Cathy reviewed the bills to pay, and accounts receivable. Larry Endicott moved to approve the financials as provided, and pay all bills, Keith McAdoo seconded, motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

In the Board Packet is our attorney's suggested copy of the Water Transmission contract with the City of Wellsville. The Board reviewed and approved. Keith McAdoo moved to accept the suggested contract, Larry Endicott seconded, motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Tom gave the Board an update on the pumphouse engineering plans from Midwest Engineering that was discussed at the May Board meeting. It seems that an error was made on their part, a charge that should have been billed to a different customer, was included in our proposed contract. That correction reduced the engineering costs by about \$15,000. Tom recommended that we accept and approve the revised contract as he felt Midwest would provide assistance throughout the project and assure a better finished project. Larry Endicott moved to approve the new contract, Brad O'Dea seconded, motion carried.

Board discussed moving our regular board meeting back to the office since Covid has begun to recede. It was decided that in July the board meeting will be held at the LeLoup shop, and in August we will begin meeting at the office.

Some discussion on the possible future combining of water districts 1, 2, and 3. although advantages to all three districts, probably not equally. It was felt that we should at least try to open a line of communications with the other two districts to begin some kind of dialog. An invitation to a board meeting a possibility.

At the beginning of 2022 when we established the new water rate, we felt that we would see how the revenue numbers looked, and consider a midyear increase based on those numbers. Based on year-to-date operations loss, Keith McAdoo moved to increase the water rate by fifty cents per thousand starting at the next reading. Brad O'Dea seconded; motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Larry Endicott moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Keith McAdoo seconded; motion carried.

