Franklin County Rural Water District #1 Board Meeting Minutes November 20, 2018

PRESENT: Lance Town, David Kaub, Jake Jenkins, Scott Wood, Bob McClay, Keith McAdoo, Karen Walburn, Cathy Duderstadt, and David Alderman.

VISITORS: Tom Wilson, member, and Jack Wilhite.

CALL TO ORDER:

Lance Town Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. READING AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Karen Walburn moved to accept the minutes as presented, Keith McAdoo seconded, motion carried.

3. OPERATORS REPORT:

Bob McClay reviewed his activities since the last board meeting. Regarding the purchase of new meters, Bob suggested that we order fifty meters that have the option of being turned off/on electronically from the road. Bob again requested the Board consider a past commitment to subsidize his health insurance expense at a \$200 per month rate. After some review and discussion, the Board declined Bob's request in part because a decade or more had elapsed since that Board action was taken.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Cathy Duderstadt reviewed and answered question about the October financials. Karen Walburn moved to replenish Bob's credit card, Keith McAdoo seconded, motion carried. Keith McAdoo moved to pay the bills, and approve the financials, Scott Wood seconded, motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Visitor Jack Wilhite discussed several items involving the Neosho Road extension. He has recently sold his home there, and in this case the meter for that home is no longer on the owner's property. Jack requested that the Board consider a variance in the rules to allow the existing meter and lines to remain as they presently are. Board agreed, Jack would like that in writing. We will provide that. As far as the extension of the line is concerned, the Board advised Jack that he would have to be financially responsible for the engineering study, possibly four to five thousand dollars. He said he needed to think about that and will get back to the Board. Our Wichita Engineering firm Shaffer, Kline & Warren, has been sold to McClure Engineering, and we have a

new person working with us. The Board felt this might be a good time to look into a change in firms, one that might be closer to home.

Continued our review of new solid state meters. There are numerous brands to choose from. It may be just as important to look at how we want to read these meters (i.e. radio, cell or satellite) and have the option of sending the data directly to the office.

Reviewed the 2019 Budget information. No price increase from the City of Ottawa, fourteen cent increase per thousand from Miami two. Board will finalize budget at the December meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Both Board members whose terms are expiring (Kaub and Alderman) are not going to run again, so a search is needed to replace them.

Water application for Lance Green was reviewed. It had been approved by the engineers. Keith McAdoo moved to approve, Scott Wood seconded, motion carried.

Member Annetta Roberts notified the District that she would like to relinquish an extra meter they had to reduce their costs. Board accepted their request.

The Ottawa Chamber of Commerce requested a donation for their annual banquet. David Kaub moved to give \$100, the same as last year, Scott Wood seconded, motion carried.

Karen Walburn reviewed a recent seminar by KRWA for water board members. She indicated it was well presented, gave the Board the highlights, and handouts, along with a thumb drive to let other Board members review it.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Karen Walburn moved to adjourn the regular Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m. and move into executive session. Keith McAdoo seconded, motion carried.