Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 2, Miami County, Kansas was held on November 12, 2024, at the District Office located at 25290 Harmony Road, Paola, Kansas.

Attendance

Directors Attending: Lyle Wobker, Brad Ryckert, Glenn Alpert, Charlie Sievert, Rick Norland, Mike McClurg, Pete Peuser, Gary Guetterman, and Alan Hire.

Also Attending: Jerry Bennett, Trenton Morris, Lana Kettler, and Kalo Shore.

Guest Attending: Chris Larsen, Ray Samuel.

Chairman Wobker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Brad Ryckert moved to dispense with reading the minutes for the regular meeting held in October. Glenn Alpert seconded the motion. Vote: 9-0, motion passed.

Chairman Wobker informed the board of a change in wording regarding the executive session that is required by proper order. Glenn Alpert moved to approve the minutes with the change. Pete Peuser seconded the motion. Vote: 9-0, motion passed.

Invoices

Alan Hire moved to pay the invoices as presented except check #18202 Midwest Engineering Group and check #18209 Crossland Heavy Contractors. Discussion - Alan Hire questioned check #18205 Swan Analytical. Lana Kettler addressed the invoice was for a construction procurement item. Charlie Sievert seconded the motion. Vote: 9-0, motion passed.

Trenton Morris reviewed the invoice for check # 18209 Crossland Heavy Contractors for $629,294.47. The invoice is for roofing, including metal trusses and sheeting, painting of the interior of the high service pump room and installation of the conduit for the generator. Trenton Morris also updated the board that Crossland Heavy Contractors is behind schedule. There were some delays last month due to high winds and rain.

Trenton Morris reviewed the invoice for check #18202 Midwest Engineering Group for $84,863.10. The invoice is for a combination of engineering and construction observation. This invoice also includes some work on the KDOT project.

Alan Hire moved to approve the checks as presented. Glenn Alpert seconded the motion. Vote: 9-0, motion passed.

Guest

Mr. Ray Samuel was present to attend the meeting and observe.

Mr. Chris Larsen was present to discuss his client (Andrew Poland) and the property at 4435 W 263rd St. Mr. Larsen would like to negotiate the price down from the estimated cost of $38,000 to make water available to the property. Trenton Morris presented a map of the location and an explanation to the board of the cost involved in the estimate. The issue at hand is the area is served by a 2" line and there is the maximum number of meters already being served. Trenton Morris explained that it would be necessary to create a loop to increase the availability of adding more meters to the area. The consensus of the board was for staff to conduct more research into the area and review it at the next meeting.

Subscriptions and Line Extensions

Seven subscriptions have been received since the October meeting.

1) Patty Simpson- 319th & Block Rd
2) Fancy Investments LLC. – 10210 W. 247th St
3) Eduardo Garcia- 255th & Rockville Rd
4) Steve Wilson- 327th & Osawatomie Rd
5) Pro Container Service, Inc.- 271st & Block Rd
6) Michelle Garrard – 16131 W. 289th St
7) Rebecca Gomez – 27054 W. 303rd

Two line extensions have been received since the October meeting.

1) Cihan Kasikara- 20940 S Renner Rd - 120 ft for a cost of $2000.
2) Kevin Ferguson and Tom Dozier-W. 263rd & Kenwood St-1500 ft for a combined cost of $42,000 ($21,000 each).

Charlie Sievert moved to approve the line extensions. Brad Ryckert seconded the motion. Vote: 9-0, motion passed.

Old Business

Jerry Bennett informed the board there is no update regarding Water 7. The board discussed the urgency to finalize a contract and move this project forward into phase 3. Jerry Bennett updated the board that Spring Hill has unofficially announced their intention to discontinue the contractual relationship with Miami 2 at the end of June 2025. Their intent is to release their current service area to WaterOne.

New Business

Trenton Morris presented to the board a letter from Crossland Heavy Contractors regarding the date of completion. Crossland Heavy Contractors will not meet the original completion date. Trenton Morris expressed to the board that the district has been happy with the quality of work, other than them being behind schedule. The board discussed options for response and a timeline to be presented back to Crossland Heavy Contractors. Rick Norland moved to accept the requested 26 days and new substantial/final completion dates. Charlie Sievert seconded the motion. Vote 9-0, motion passed.

Lana Kettler presented the insurance renewal with Elliott Insurance. If the district increases the deductible, the result is a savings of almost $7,000. Staff recommend adding an umbrella policy due to increased exposure.
Brad Ryckert moved to approve the insurance schedule as presented, including the $1million umbrella policy. Rick Norland seconded the motion. Vote: 9-0, motion passed.

Treasurer

Alan Hire discussed the current CDs and renewals coming up through January.

Manager

Jerry Bennett updated the board that Miami RWD#3 continues to move forward and is seeking funding on an interconnect with the district.

Announcements

Glenn Alpert reminded the board that the Christmas party is on December 11, 2024.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 7:36 pm.

Brad Ryckert	Lyle Wobker
Secretary	Chairman

Date