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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Meeting Minutes Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office October 11, 2023

Vice President Marshall Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Marshall Jenkins, Mike Gerth, Dale Boyd, and Judi-Johnson Stevens. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and (0) members of the public.

Approval of Minutes:

The September 2023 minutes were presented. Mike Gerth made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-0).

Members of the public:

There were no members of the public present.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report. Jeff gave an update on the status of the Hycor and the pending installation. It is on track for the second half of November. There was concern we may have needed a construction permit prior to installation, but it was ultimately determined we will not need a construction permit. The next item discussed was the sampler for the raw influent. After multiple unsuccessful attempts to refurbish the old units, Jeff was able to find a company that has a unit that will fit our needs and Jeff passed around a brief information sheet and quote, this includes a full 2-year factory warranty. The price of the unit is \$9,336.00. After discussion there was a request to investigate if shipping could be waived if we picked the unit up from the company directly in Westfield to save shipping costs. Mike Gerth made a motion to approve up to the full amount of \$9,336.00 if shipping is mandatory, Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. The first order of business was a lien that was filed against a property in CSL. The lien was for availability fees, a fee the utility assessed in the past but has since been no longer charged. The amount was \$511.20. After brief discussion there was a motion to forgive the balance of the lien, with the stipulation that a 3rd party would be responsible to pay the \$75 fee associated with filing the paperwork to forgive the lien. Mike



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Gerth made the motion and Judi-Johnson Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

The 2024 budget was discussed, after discussion there will be a preliminary budget meeting on November 8th at 3:30 PM prior to the regular meeting.

Hydrant flushing will take place the 3rd week of October and there is a planned meeting of community members and the USDA on October 23rd at 2:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Gerth

At the September 2023 meeting the paperwork for a money market account was adopted and signed. The account was funded with \$400,000.00, all the proceeds from the sale of 48 acres of farmland and the balance from the water fund of \$40,932.53. A motion was made by Judi Johns-Stevens to approve the establishment of the rainy-day fund starting at \$400,000 and the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Claims were discussed and after brief discussion there was a call for a motion to pay the claims. The motion to pay the claims was made by Judi Johnson-Stevens and was seconded by Dale Boyd, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Old Business:

Reedy Financial will attend the November 8th meeting to discuss the final version of the rate study and present it to the board. The first public hearing is planned to be held on November 15th and the 2nd public hearing is scheduled to be December 13th, tentatively. These dates were discussed and a motion to proceed with these dates was made by Judi Johnson-Stevens and seconded by Dale Boyd, motion passed (3-1). Mike Gerth voted against.

New Business:

No new Business was discussed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Judi Johnson-Stevens and Dale Boyd seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0) The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Members

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Signatures



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Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: November 8th, 2023

Marshall Jenkins, Secretary