Public Water Supply District # 1 Of Ralls County, Missouri

Open Regular Session Board of Directors Meeting March 23, 2021

The Open Regular Session of the Board of Directors of Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Ralls County, Missouri was held March 23, 2021, at the District office, 3316 Market Street, Hannibal MO, beginning time 6:30 p.m. Ronda Barton attested that notice of the meeting was duly and timely posted.

The following were present by Roll Call: President, Frank Burch; Vice-President, Martin Judlowe; Directors, Robert Sergent, Danny Behl, and Karla Strode. Also present were District Treasurer, Michelle Lehenbauer; District Clerk, Ronda Barton; Alliance Vice-President, Tony Sneed; Alliance Local Manager, LaDon Atkinson; Alliance Operations Supervisor, Tyler Stuhlman; District Engineer, Mark Bross of Klingner & Associates; and District Attorney, Mark Piontek of Sandberg Phoenix & VonGontard P.C. Guest present, Ralls County Electric Cooperative General Manager, Lynn Hodges.

The meeting was called to order and presided over by President Frank Burch.

Mr. Burch called for review of the February 23, 2021 Open Regular Session meeting minutes. Having no questions or discussion, Mr. Behl motioned to accept the February 23, 2021, Open Regular Session meeting minutes. Mr. Sergent seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hodges was welcomed and distributed a proposed bypass route currently being considered by the City of Hannibal, along with the current House Bill being proposed regarding the power of cities to annex areas. He went into details and provided background on steps he has taken, in the event the bypass succeeds, to not allow the City to provide all utilities in the affected areas, as RCEC and the district has infrastructure available. He requested the board's support to combat the current deliberations. The board was advised by their attorney, the Territorial Agreement supersedes any annexation; along with the USDA loans, the district is protected. Mr. Hodges will be checking into the USDA loan protection for RCEC as well. Mr. Sergent motioned to establish a formal Resolution declaring the district's support for protection of Ralls County Electric Cooperative service area. Upon discussion, Mr. Judlowe seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Piontek will provide a draft for the April meeting.

Mr. Burch requested discussion on the District's **Treasury Report** and the **Other Financials**. Mr. Atkinson detailed each report as submitted. Mr. Behl motioned to approve the **February Financials** as submitted. Mr. Sergent seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Atkinson presented the **List of Bills** as submitted. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the list as submitted. Mr. Behl seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report for *Legal*.

The **Operations Report** was presented by Mr. Stuhlman as submitted. He noted the Highway 79 standpipe had to be welded due to freezing; additional dirt work, insulation, and a heater that

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will not trip electric will be added to avoid future issues. The manual *Radio Issue* work orders, 150-160 meters that no longer pick up via radio, was reflected as 0, as they had to be estimated due to being unable to open up the pits during freezing weather. Water loss was discussed and with possible main replacements, will most likely decrease.

The **Engineer's Report** was given by Mr. Bross as follows:

Water Plant/Water Supply Project Updates:

- 1A) Reported as submitted.
- 1B) Reported as submitted; the results were good for this month which should contribute to keeping the quarterly average below maximum TTHM levels.

Water Main Replacement Project Updates:

2A) Discussion occurred on the Sunnyside main replacement as well as others identified and submitted in October 2020. At that time, Sunnyside was estimated at \$84-85,000, which included engineering fees submitted. Mr. Stuhlman has obtained a bid for the McKay grey line that should not need DNR permitting. Mr. Stuhlman will bring 3 bids for the McKay and Cree Drive main replacements to the April meeting; they will neither one require engineering or DNR permitting. Mr. Behl motioned to approve the engineering agreement for Sunnyside main replacement in the amount of \$12,000. Mr. Judlowe seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Sergent motioned to move ahead with the project. Mr. Judlowe seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was no Other Old Business.

For Other New Business, Mr. Atkinson submitted the revised Customer Requests for Adjustment in the amount of \$2,504.35. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve. Ms. Strode seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Sneed reported he was contacted by the latest loan provider, who had concerns regarding the district's debt coverage. Upon discussion and providing the latest budget, as long as the district remains at the >1.2 ratio, the agency will request another rating review and it should raise the district back into the A range.

Having no further items for discussion, Mr. Burch requested a motion to adjourn; Mr. Judlowe motioned to adjourn the Open Regular Session. Mr. Sergent seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ronda Caley Barton, District Clerk

Frank Burch, President