## Public Water Supply District # 1 Of Ralls County, Missouri

## Open Regular Session Board of Directors Meeting November 23, 2021

The Open Regular Session of the Board of Directors of Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Ralls County, Missouri was held November 23, 2021, at the district office, 3316 Market Street, Hannibal, MO beginning time 6:30 p.m. Jamie Benton 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, Karla Strode, Robert Sergent, Danny Behl. Also present were Alliance Vice-President, Tony Sneed; Alliance Local Manager LaDon Atkinson; Alliance Operations Supervisor, Tyler Stuhlman; District Engineer, Mark Bross of Klingner & Associates; District Attorney, Mark Piontek of Sandberg Phoenix & VonGontard P.C., and Charlie Zitnik from D.A. Davidson & Co.

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

Mr. Burch called for review of the October 26, 2021, Open Regular Session meeting minutes. Having no questions or discussion, Mr. Judlowe motioned to accept the **October 26, 2021, Open Regular Session** meeting minutes. Mrs. Strode seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Zitnik discussed at length the Bond Refinance for the USDA Loans. It is estimated that there will be a savings of \$950,000 after the refinance is completed. Once the refinance is complete there will be \$445,000 in restricted funds that will be released and available for use. Discussion ensued on how the money should be used. Mr. Sneed suggested that it is split in a 50/50 manner, meaning one-half will be put toward debt and the other one-half will be available for cash on hand. Mr. Zitnik also discussed the Parameters of the Series 2021 Bond and the Bond Purchase Agreement. Mark Piontek asked that the Board look over page E-1 on the Resolution to show what is outlined in the Bond Purchase. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the Resolution on the Bond Purchase. Mr. Behl seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Sergent also motioned to split the \$445,000 into a 50/50 proportion, one-half will go toward debt payment and the other one-half will be for cash on hand. Mrs. Strode seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Atkinson presented the **List of Bills** as submitted with no further discussion. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the list of bills as submitted. Mr. Judlowe seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Series 2019B Fund Disbursements were reviewed. No additional discussion. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the Disbursements. Mr. Judlowe seconded. All ayes. Motion caried.

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Decision 2.1 Mr. Piontek discussed the upcoming Election and Candidate filing. He noted the date change this year to December 7<sup>th</sup> through December 28, 2021. With no further discussion Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the **Resolution** for April 5, 2022, election. Mr. Judlowe seconded. All ayes. Mr. Piontek also discussed the 2021 Bond Refinance briefly. Mr. Behl motioned to approve the Resolution for the refinance. Mrs. Strode seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

The **Operations Report** was presented by Mr. Stuhlman as submitted. Mr. Stuhlman stated that the Cree Drive project was finished and that the lime sludge removal would begin next week. He also noted that the water loss percentage was still high, and staff is working on finding out where the issue may be.

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

Water Plant/Water Supply:

1A) Reported as submitted.

Water Main Replacements:

2A) Reported as submitted.

Norwoods WWTF:

3A) Reported as submitted.

General Information:

4A) Reported as submitted. He noted the that these funds were mainly being focused on low-income areas and that he does not think the District has many low-income areas unless consideration of the county as a whole. Mr. Bross stated that he is not sure if this will give us any additional Grant money. However, DNR thinks they have more funds than projects so the District should consider application for funding anyway. The water loss issue was discussed and that should be a main focus point. Mr. Bross indicated that we could look at bundling the remaining water main replacements into one project and applying for the funding. The Board instructed Mr. Bross to pull that information together for consideration at the next Board meeting. A resolution will need to be drafted for permissions.

For *Other Old Business*, the **FY2022 District Budget** was discussed and there were no questions. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the FY2022 District Budget. Mr. Behl seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. The **AWR MOA Agreement** was also discussed and there were no questions. Mr. Judlowe motioned to approve the AWR MOA Agreement. Mr. Behl seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

In *Other Old Business*, the Rate Adjustment and the changes to the Rules and Regulations were discussed. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the Rate Adjustment and the changes to the Rules and Regulations. Mrs. Strode seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Finalizing Other Old Business, the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program was discussed. Mr. Burch asked about the downfalls, how many people, how would people know to sign up and would anyone really take advantage of this program? Mr. Stuhlman commented that the District has between 15-25 disconnections per month and most just forgot to make their payments. At this time, the Board does not feel that this program will be beneficial to the District. Discussion was left open so that if in the future the District wanted to revisit the topic they could at a later time.

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For *Other New Business*, Mr. Atkinson submitted the **Customer Requests for Adjustment**. Mr. Sergent motioned to approve the amount of \$3,820.69. Mr. Judlowe seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

For Other and Information, discussion regarding Oppenheimer. Mr. Sneed stated he just wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the situation with Oppenheimer and why the District had chosen to stay with D.A. Davidson & Co as we have been with them for years, they have our trust to continue doing business with them.

Having no further items for discussion, Mr. Burch requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Behl motion to adjourn the Open Regular session. Mr. Judlowe seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Ronda Caley Barton, District Clerk

Frank Burch, President