

ADAMS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2019

Board and staff members present:

Don Bergdall
Shannon Smitley
Nate Rumschlag
Richard Lambert
John Carroll

Superintendent, Barry Scherer
Attorney, Mark Burry
Brooke Hindenlang
Commonwealth Engineering: Ben Adams

Opening of meeting

Shannon called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes

It was clarified that the \$2,415 referenced in the minutes was not paid as noted “presented and approved”.

Motion to approve the minutes by Richard, 2nd by John approve the minutes from the June meeting. Approved 5-0

Payment of Claims:

Claims were presented totaling \$23,508.07. Itemized list presented to board and included in record.

Star Insurance will come before the board to discuss the insurance policy in 2 months.

Motion to pay claims, as presented, by Nate, 2nd by John. Approved 5-0

Superintendent’s Report

Barry asked about moving some of the required cash reserves into a Gold Money market account with a 0.75% return over the current checking/savings.

Motion was made to put the cash reserve in money market by Nate, motion was 2nd by John. Approved by board 5-0.

Barry sold 2 more of the lift station units and has only 1 more left in reserve. Board agreed to order new units in groups of 3 to get free shipping. Board asked Barry to wait until he sells the last unit before making the order.

Based on the current grant schedule Barry won't be able to include the software license expense of \$7,893.75. Barry is hoping to delay the purchase, but the board will need to pay for this.

Becky is not offering to prepare lien documents for \$15/lien.

Shannon asked that if we can include Becky's cost in the lien itself so the board would be able to recoup the costs? If so he and the board were willing to proceed with this arrangement.

Barry would like to inspect all of the existing lift stations later this year. Barry is asking for a part-time inspector for ½ days for a week to assist. The need is to have someone help remove the lids, dip out the basins and clean the floats.

Attorney

No comments.

Board Comments:

Board account reconciliation reviewed by the board. Motion to approve the reconciliation as presented by Nate, motion 2nd by John. Board approved 5-0.

Other Business:

Ben Adams commented that until you get better info on the grant availability then we should take this design agreement under advisement. Barry to review emails of work in each service area.

SRF grant can not go to easements or fees. Adams County is in a good position in being the #2 project in the priority list.

John, "will the board get a cost per connection?"

Ben, Bake Tilly did the rate study on a group and project basis.

John, Why the hurry on the process?

Ben, To get the subsidy dollars we need to close on the project by March 30th, 2020.

Goal is to be ready to move when we get the go ahead.

Public Comments:

Lou Seffernick - Last month Lou brought up discussion on a policy statement on connections on who would be required to connect to the system.

Barry S. – Plan shows the whole area is to connection.

Lou – This is insufficient. The plan doesn't show everyone connecting, but the plan is not consistent.

Mark Burry – We don't need a policy to restate state law. We will look at the plan to confirm compliance. We may know who wants to connect and what health issues exist in the area that affect the connection map. The board may also do improvements to stage for future connections as well. Mark commented that if the board can leverage money for connections and extensions it only helps to better the system

Lou – Don't whitewash the issue

Mark – Connections will be made for those out of compliance.

Lou – The plan (Preliminary Engineering Report) should be redone.

Ben – While a formal policy is not written on connections, but the plan is fluid due to fund availability.

Lou – If you were to adopt a policy you should word it as: “if you are within 300-ft you shall connection. If you are beyond 300-ft you shall contribute to the system”

Ben – Allen county RSD has what he believed to be an unwritten policy to require home owners to pay for service installation beyond the 300-ft length.

Board discussion continued on what sewer district law requires on the 300-ft from structure and costs of line placement. No action was taken to approve a new policy statement.

Motion to adjourn by John, 2nd by Don. Meeting adjourned. 5-0