

# GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

August 5, 2021

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jay Klemetsrud, Paul Becker, Allen Johnson, Doug Mohr, David Hovendick

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Les Windjue, Gilbert Black

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nels Halgren, Sally Herda – GRWD; Chris & Jeff Wahl, Arlen Peterson, Mike Gowan – Emerald Ridge; Sarah Sesselman – AE2S

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 a.m. by President Becker at the District office.

Minutes from the July 8, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Hovendick to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

## Manager Report

- **Woodland lift station review** – Halgren showed photos of the lift station that is located at the resort. There are rocks around the lift as well as a chain to protect the station. Someone backed over the rocks and hit the lift station causing the lid to slide over and twist the rails over the power conduit. This lift station is critical infrastructure for the sewer system and is 22 feet deep. As the resort has continued to expand over the years, this station has become surrounded by the resort and has more exposure to damage. A more permanent solution is needed to protect the station. Blanchfield prefers a fence around the lift station and as long as it can be accessed to perform maintenance, GRWD is agreeable to this option. Halgren will work with Woodland Resort to accomplish said protection.
- **Scoobys Point lagoon rehab** – Debris from the lagoon has been removed and the area has been packed and is ready to be filled.
- **Emerald Ridge** – Developers of the subdivision were present to discuss development plans for the Emerald Ridge subdivision, along with two contractors who will be working on infrastructure. The subdivision plan has received approval. A drainage study/plan needs to be completed for the township. Trees will be cleared and plans are to install water lines prior to graveling and culvert placement. A 4-inch poly line will be installed with connection to an existing 8-inch main line. The developers requested the District's participation in a cost share for the water line installation. At this time, the developers are planning to create a special assessment district for sewer as a rural sewer system would be desirable for the subdivision. A couple of areas were identified for placement of the sewer lines. Some of the lots may have some elevation issues which would require the homeowners to install pumps to access the system. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Klemetsrud to participate in a \$3000 per membership cost share for the subdivision up to 10 memberships with a monthly base rate of \$25 per membership and to allow the memberships to be transferred as lots are sold with said base rate to increase to \$35 monthly when a lot is developed. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **COSA (Cost of service analysis)** – Sarah Sesselman, AE2S met with the board to present her study and findings to date for the rural water system. The presentation included analysis of future needs, variables and replacement scenarios to assist in the development of uniformity in rate design. Once complete, the District will have a working model in place that can be used in budgeting, meeting replacement needs and ongoing analysis of cost of operation. Sesselman requested additional conceptual

information to continue to fine tune the analysis. The final report should be available for the September meeting.

- **Drought discussion** – Water demands have started to slow down and the District has decreased the amount of water being purchased from the City of Devils Lake. The static level in well #3 has dropped 20 feet and has been shut off for now to allow the well to recharge. The distance from the top of the well down to the water is 216 feet. GRWD will continue to keep an eye on the well. The City has transducers in their wells and these show their levels have not changed much.

**Office Manager Report**

- **Accounts Payable** – Motion by Klemetsrud, seconded by Johnson to authorize payment of the July bills. **All directors voted aye and motion carried.**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,033,798.81</b>	<b>727,551.65</b>

- **Financial report**– Financial report for July was reviewed. Motion by Mohr seconded by Johnson to approve the report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ September 9, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Becker, President \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Sally Herda, Office Manager \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_