

# GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2023

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Paul Becker, David Hovendick, Gilbert Black, Doug Mohr, Allen Johnson, Les Windjue, Missy Abrahamson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lonnie Lacina, Sally Herda - GRWD; Geoff Slick, Brian Aafedt – AE2S

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 a.m. by President Black at the District office.

Minutes from the June 8, 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Black to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

## Manager report

- **North system capacity improvement project**
  - **AE2S project update** – Approximately 3 miles of the 16” pipeline has been installed to date. Staking ahead of the construction is being done due to the amount of time that it takes to fuse the pipeline. Rain and equipment breakdown has slowed down the project but has allowed for cleanup and restoration work. The landowners have been happy with the land restoration. Crop damage will be more than initially estimated due to pipeline size. AE<sub>2</sub>S and Lacina are working with the contractor to limit impacts where possible.
  - **Change Order #2** – Change order is adding 2 users, reducing poly bores, adds PRV vaults at Crary and near Patriot Fuels, and adds a hydrant near Dakota Dry Bean. Change order results in a reduction of \$59,253. Motion by Windjue, seconded by Johnson authorizing the President to sign Change Order #2, reducing contract of Swanberg Construction by \$59,243. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.
  - **Approve June invoices** – Invoices for June total \$945,657.77. AE<sub>2</sub>S presented invoice #88041 in the amount of \$83,755 bringing final design to 75%. Also presented for approval was Swanberg Construction Payment #2 invoice for \$861,482.77 and Ramsey County Recorder payment of \$420 for easement recording. Motion by Becker, seconded by Abrahamson to approve the June invoices for payment. **Motion carried** unanimously.
  - **Design overview** – Well design was reviewed, with installation of proposed Well 1.5 – 1000 gpm – 12 inch – 50 HP pump to commence after the October 12, 2023 State Water Commission (SWC) meeting. Design for the Saunders booster station and WTP upgrades was also reviewed. Currently AE<sub>2</sub>S is waiting on Terracon for final geo-tech work for structural design.
  - **Timeline** –Timeline for bid opening has been pushed back 3 weeks due to a number of factors. The updated proposed timeline shows application submission to the SWC before August 28, with bid date of August 31, followed by GRWD and SWC meetings for project approval and funding.
  - **Original scoped project** – Slick reviewed the project components that were developed April, 2022 with total estimated cost of \$8,198,804. Additional and/or changed scope of the project was reviewed, including pipeline size change of underground well piping, added pipeline for looping/new users, change of location for Crary to Saunders booster station, and water treatment plant issues. Reasons for each of these changes were reviewed with project currently estimated at \$12,071,283.
- **New user project** – A listing of potential users was provided to AE<sub>2</sub>S for investigation in developing a new users project. No formal canvas has been completed at this time as the listing only contained the names of those contacting the District since the last project. In

some cases, these individuals were considered high cost during the last major user project. There may be availability of federal funds that can be used, in addition to state funding that may allow those users to be viable to the District. AE<sub>2</sub>S was given the go ahead to move forward with a canvassing to determine project interest, scope, feasibility, and funding availability.

- **14” well line** - Lacina asked if some of the 14” pipeline that was previously purchased and in storage could be used for the well line from Well 1.5 to the treatment plant. Since the pipe is a few years old, the directors elected to leave the well line sizing as designed. With the current project in construction, the amount of 14” line to keep on hand has changed and could be sold. The District has approximately 1500 feet of 14” line in storage and Lacina recommends keeping about 100 feet on hand.
- **Remmick lift station – 6-20-23** – During a recent 2.5” rain, this lift station was unable to keep up with the inflow. It was determined that a Quonset being built at the time was taking on excess water as the caps for the floor drain were removed with rainwater being drained into the sewer system. Lift station was rebuilt and put back together. Lacina estimates approximately \$4,000 in damage to the lift station. This is a lift station that only serves one user.
- **Sewer pumping** – Septic tank pumping for the year has begun and is off to a slow start.
- **Myklebust lift station** – Electricity for this lift station will be rerouted.
- **Medora – July 19-20** – Lacina reported he would be attending the upcoming retreat.
- **Spray season** – Becker reported this pressure has been good during this year’s spray season. Lacina explained a different approach was used this year with good results noted.

**Office manager report**

- **Accounts Payable** – Motion by Windjue, seconded by Mohr to authorize payment of the June bills. **All directors voted aye and motion carried.**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,530,700.94</b>	<b>19,109.67</b>

- **Financial report-** June financial report was reviewed. Motion to approve the report was made by Johnson, seconded by Hovendick. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**
- **2022 Audit** – The 2022 audit has been completed and emailed to the board members. The audit process and total costs were reviewed. Motion by Becker, seconded by Abrahamson to approve the GRWD 2022 audit. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Next meeting date is scheduled for August 10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ August 10, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Gilbert Black, President \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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