

# GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 2022

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Gilbert Black

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nels Halgren, Sally Herda, Lonnie Lacina – GRWD; Sarah Sesselman -  
AE<sub>2</sub>S

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

Minutes from the May 5, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Becker, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.

## Manager report

- **Treatment plant production update** – Halgren updated the board on work to increase production at the treatment plant prior to the start of spray season. Well 1 runs each time the plant runs, with wells 2 and 3 alternating. All 3 wells have slowly been turned on at one time to achieve the 1200 gpm. This was accomplished over a period of about a week to allow for adjustments in the chemical feed. Backwashing results have remained consistent with the filters not showing much change throughout this process. The next step is to bring up the pressure in the pipes and get close to 1000 gpm. Following this, the pressure at the Crary booster station will be increased. The additional 300 gpm production and getting those gallons out of the plant will enhance what is already in place. A 4<sup>th</sup> well would provide for some redundancy and help secure ongoing viability on a day-to-day basis. GRWD just started taking water from the City of Devils Lake and will be turning on the Starkweather connection from NRWD soon.
- **Spring spraying season discussion** – Cleaning of the Pare tower has been scheduled for June 16 and will be completed by CC Steel using a dive method. The 2022 spray season was discussed. With the delayed farming season this year, spraying may be spread out over a longer period of time and may make a difference on peak demands. The level in the Pare tower will be kept higher to help with line pressure. Becker requested the NRWD connection be turned on as his area has started to experience issues. The valve at Garske installed in 2021 will be adjusted to assist with line pressure as this proved effective during last year's peak demand. The south area has been taking more water as pasture taps are being turned on.
- **South tower resealing update** – Work on the south tower started May 17 and was initially supposed to take a week to complete. The work was just completed and the tower is currently being filled. A video of the completed work was viewed, along with other photos of the project. The owner of the company completing this work stated exterior work on the tank could wait another 5 years. Once filled and placed back into service, it is hoped the chlorine residual levels will improve.
- **Bulk contracts – Glenfield and Kensal** – Halgren delivered new contracts to both Glenfield and Kensal so they would have them for their next City council meetings. New rates will take effect July 1 for Glenfield and August 1 for Kensal. Halgren informed these communities that Crary had switched from a contract user to individual and that Pekin is currently exploring this option. GRWD would be open to discussion to do the same for Glenfield and Kensal.

- **Pekin update** – Halgren stated a letter had been sent to the City of Pekin with an offer and terms for acceptance of the City’s distribution system and conversion.
- **SWC grant approval/project development**– Sarah Sesselman, AE<sub>2</sub>S met with the board to discuss the SWC’s approval of 75% cost share for preconstruction costs (\$590,000) to make improvements in the North system of the District. The scope of the project will need to be refined and could be phased. Application included adding a new well, installation of 16” transmission line, storage reservoir and pumping station at Crary and WTP improvements to increase capacity. The Crary reservoir capacity was discussed. Rule of thumb is to turn water over every 3 days. The concept is to use the reservoir year-round with different set points to reflect seasonal use and would also help with sending water south, if needed. The reservoir could be bid at 250,000-gallon capacity with an alternate bid for 500,000. WTP improvements were discussed and could include additional storage there as well as implementation of flow-based chemical feed system and updated controls. Sesselman would like to aim for August to fine tune a plan that could then go into design. The directors gave the go ahead to work on the plan to phase in the various components for the project. Potential bid dates and construction time frames were discussed as well as project funding. Halgren and Lacina will work with AE<sub>2</sub>S to develop the plan for the system improvements.
- **Emerald Ridge** – Halgren reported he met with the developers of Emerald Ridge, along with David Hovendick, Land Surveying Service to review scenarios for rural sewer service to the subdivision. Land Surveying drew up a full plan that would provide gravity flow for most of the lots. Also discussed was a hybrid plan with some gravity and some smaller lifts that would serve the subdivision. The directors stated they would like a plan submitted by the developers to GRWD that provides rural sewer service to the subdivision as a whole.

**Office manager report**

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

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>93,272.81</b>	<b>20,387.40</b>

- **Financial report**- Financial report for May was reviewed. Motion by Windjue, seconded by Klemetsrud to approve the financial report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

**Other business**

- A request was made for the District to consider taking over a lift station at 919 Peterson Drive that currently serves 4 users. At the time the lift station was installed, it was designated as a private lift station to continue service to a residence following flooding of the infrastructure that was serving his home. Others services have since been connected to this lift. Motion by Mohr, seconded by Becker to take over the lift station and to pay the homeowner \$15 per month for electricity. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

Next meeting will be held July 7, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ July 7, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

David Hovendick, President \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

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