

**GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

August 6, 2020

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Gilbert Black

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nels Halgren, Sally Herda – GRWD

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

Minutes from the July 8, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Windjue, seconded by Hovendick to approve the minutes. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

**Manager Report**

- **Expansion update, project billing** – Work on the project began July 6 and started at the west end of the project area. Most of the line installation has gone fairly well and the highway work should be done by the end of the week. There were some issues with the plow and Peterson’s changed to a different shank which has made it easier for the soil conditions they were encountering. Most of the pipe should be in the ground by the end of August with pressure testing to follow. Some of the existing lines are being tied into and Halgren discussed getting the meters out and allowing well water to be run through them until such time as rural water service is available. At that time meters would be read to obtain the initial reading for billing purposes.

**Pay estimate #1 - \$146,005.96** – Estimate reflects work to date, along with the meters and is recommended for payment by the engineers. Motion by Becker, seconded by Mohr to approve payment #1 to Peterson Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$146,005.96. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

- **Manhole reconstruction** – Halgren contacted Innovative Foundation to inform them of the District’s decision to approve the manhole work as well as the lift station. Due to the nature of the work and mobilization costs, Innovative was able to complete the work for \$29,774 which came in under budget. Halgren stated he was happy with the work done and that this work will greatly extend the life of the sewer system in this area.
- **Neal Ackerman request discussion** – Halgren has talked to Arlen Peterson regarding line work in both the commercial and residential areas of development, but has not gotten any information back at this time. On the commercial side, GRWD could possibly do some of the work when the expansion project work slows down and if Mr. Ackerman wants a different construction method, the amount over the GRWD construction cost would be at his expense. Work in Ackerman Valley would likely require some memberships to proceed. No work has been done yet to update the District’s construction policy.

**Office Manager Report**

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

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>PROJECTS</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>104,578.42</b>	<b>41,469.65</b>	<b>157,782.99</b>

- **Financial report**– Financial and expansion reports for July were reviewed. Motion by Windjue seconded by Klemetsrud to approve the reports. All directors voted aye and **motion carried.**

- **2019 audit** – Motion by Mohr, seconded by Windjue to approve the 2019 audit report. All directors voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **CD bid results** – Results of the recent July bid for CD renewal were reviewed.

**Membership termination**

- Smith Sub – Yoder, Kukert, LaMotte – transfer to City of Devils– Halgren reported that these three services had been capped off, meters returned and these residents are now receiving water service from Devils Lake as outlined in the City/GRWD water service agreement.

**Other Business**

- Low pressure areas – The directors discussed options to address some of the areas that experience low pressure during peak demand. One option was use of a pump on a temporary basis during times of high usage. Another option discussed was setting up a temporary booster. These may be tried on an experimental basis to determine viability.

The September meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020 at 8 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by motion at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ September 10, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Allen Johnson, President \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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