

GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
February 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Gilbert Black at the Greater Ramsey Water District office. All members were welcomed to the meeting. Coffee and bars were provided for those in attendance. Black stated a quorum of the members was present to hold the annual meeting and conduct business matters of Greater Ramsey Water District as provided in the bylaws.

Directors present were Paul Becker, Les Windjue, Gilbert Black, Dave Hovendick, Jerry Nelson, Jay Klemetsrud and Doug Mohr. GRWD staff present were – Nels Halgren, Larry Miller, Steve Martinson, Flint Schlieve, Sally Herda and Jessica Weltikol. Sixteen people were in attendance representing 19 registered members.

- **Proof of Notice of Meeting** – Manager Halgren reported the meeting notice was mailed to all members and was published in the nine county newspapers served by the District.
- **Readings and action on any unapproved minutes** – Minutes from the 2016 annual meeting were handed to members during registration. Motion was made by Jay Klemetsrud, seconded by Jerry Nelson to approve the annual meeting minutes from February 2, 2016. Upon vote, all members voted aye and **motion carried**.
- **Introductions** – The board of directors and staff were introduced to those members in attendance.
- **Reports of Officers and Committees**
 - Manager’s Report – Halgren had a power point presentation that provided an overview of the District’s activities during 2016. An update on the waterline expansion project currently under construction was given. Presently the project is extending service to 380 new users, plus the town of Pekin, with the District securing a 75% grant for the project. Halgren also reported another phase has been added to the project to address deficiencies experienced during the usage peak that occurs due to the spray season. Also previewed was the Pare tank that was placed into service, Webster booster station upgrades, as well as a review and outlook for the rural sewer system. Halgren also reported on efforts with the Tri-County Water District to offer rural water service to the City of Lakota. Lakota’s city commission has elected to not receive rural water service. Rates and fees for 2017 will remain the same. Time was allowed for general questions and answers on operation of the system.
 - Office Manager’s report – Financial report for 2016 operations of the District was presented to the members.
- **Election of Directors** –
 - Introduction of Nominees – President Black stated three directors’ terms are up for election, representing Ward 2. Les Windjue, Jay Klemetsrud and Doug Mohr are the directors from this ward and all three have filed for re-election to the board. No other applications were received. Two of the directors from this ward must be dual users, receiving both water and sewer services from the District.
 - Nominees - Candidates were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and state why they are seeking re-election.
 - Voting – Motion was made and seconded from the floor to cast a unanimous ballot for Klemetsrud, Mohr and Windjue. Upon vote, **motion carried** and all three were re-elected for a three year term.
- **Unfinished Business** - Black asked if there was any unfinished business to come before the membership. There was none at this time.

- **New Business** – Black asked if there was any new business to come before the members. There was some discussion on changing the annual meeting date to encourage greater participation from the members.

Also discussed was the new billing and payment system that the District will be using starting with the February bill statements. Highlights of the change will be the ability to pay on-line, by phone and has the capability of accepting other payment methods, including credit cards. The new system will also allow the users to manage and view their accounts on-line with 24 hour access.

There being no new business brought before the membership, drawings were held for the door prizes. The following were winners of the customer account credits: \$50 credit –Roger Johnson, \$100 credit – Doug Paulson, and \$150 credit – Dwight Haas. There were also 2 - \$100 gift cards provided by Bartlett & West Engineers.

President Black announced the new board would be meeting directly following the annual meeting to reorganize and elect the president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. All members were thanked for taking time to attend the meeting.

The annual meeting adjourned approximately 8 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____ February 8, 2018 _____

Gilbert Black, President _____ (signed) _____

Sally Herda, Office Manager _____ (signed) _____