

# **RWD #4 – Franklin County Board Meeting Minutes**

## **January 8th, 2025**

Chairman, David Reeves called the meeting to order on January 8th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 1506 Old Highway 50, Williamsburg, KS. Board members are present: Buddy Griffin, Mitch Roecker, Blake Jorgensen, and David Reeves. Bob Ramshaw and Dan Mathias were absent. Employees present: Phil DePriest, Ellie Roecker, Patrons Jacob Guyett, Gerald Scheckel were present as well.

**Proof of Meeting:** Ottawa Herald

**Minutes:** Blake Jorgensen moved, and Buddy Griffin seconded the motion to approve the minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup>, Motion passed 4/0.

**Interested Parties:** 1.) Gerald Scheckel

**Communications:** Gerald Scheckel proposed to the board that he wanted to relocate a meter he currently owns on Butler Rd and wants to move it onto the ground he owns on Cloud Rd. The board members told him he will be responsible for paying for the whole line extension and the cost of moving the meter. Since the line on Butler Rd will be abandoned, the board talked about adding a flush valve and a shut off valve on Idaho Rd, so the 1 ½ mile of abandoned line won't have water sitting in it.

**Old Business:** 1.) Hettinger Price Increase 2.) Audit Draft 3.) Construction Contract Report from KDHE 4.) Insurance Benefits 5.) Signature on Water Conservation

**New Business:** 1.) Weigand Tower 2.) Engineer Study Increase 3.) Chippewa Service Report

**Operator Report:** 1) Ottawa Booster pumped 5.0 M in December and the well pumped OK in December. 2.) We had 2 leak repairs on Ellis Rd & Eisenhower Rd. 3.) We relocated 1 meter on Ellis Rd. 4.) Jacob mulched trees for us on Indiana Rd and Hamilton Rd on top of the water line so next spring we can spray and mow over them to keep the lines cleared. 5.) Update from Mission on the radios we don't have to change them out at this time since Mission updated the system on their end the old ones will still be fine until they break then we will have to replace them with new ones. 6.) We found a leak on California Rd north of the church camp entrance by the valves north of the creek. We plan on going out next week when the weather permits trees to cut out of the way so we can get it repaired. 7.) Phil is going to get estimates from Cunningham on Chippewa to do all the inside work of cleaning and replacing needed parts. And one for the outside to get it washed and repainted in spots that need touched up.

**Office Manager Report:** 1) We had 62 delinquent accounts for the month of December and billed out \$758.71 in late fees. 2.) Andrew from BG Consultants is applying for a new Highway permit for the line project since the original one expired in October. 3.) Possible meter forfeit on Idaho Rd where the old house got torn down last summer. 4.) Ellie will be gone on January 17<sup>th</sup> 5.) Brian Scott and the Attorney will be at the annual meeting. 6.) The bank talked about upping our limit on ACH to \$35,000 instead of \$28,000 I haven't heard from them yet since they went over all of it at the beginning of the year. 7.) Engineers sent us back a letter for moving the Weigand Tower and replacing the Chippewa tower, it would not be feasible for us to do that. 8.) Since the engineers are raising the cost of the engineering study the board decided to raise the rate of what we charge. Blake Jorgensen moved we raise the price of an engineer study from \$325 to \$350 Mitch Roecker seconded

the motion, motion carried with a 4/0 vote. 9.) The board decided to write a letter to Bill Lister on the gate and fence line, we contacted Luke who did the fence work and said it was the neighbor that paid for it all & requested it. They decided to have the attorney do it the same time he sends the letter on the easement for the new water line upgrade Buddy Griffin made the motion, to have the attorney write the letter the same time as the easement gets sent. Mitch Roecker seconded the motion, motion carried with a 4/0 vote.

**Transfer BUC's:** #0447 Seaton to Erickson

Buddy Griffin made a motion to approve the transfer of the meters, Mitch Roecker seconded the motion, motion carried. With a 4/0 vote.

**New BUC's:** None

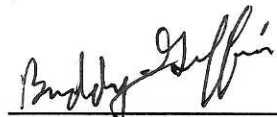
**Forfeited Meters:** None.

**Bills:** The following bills were presented to the Board for payment: Mitch Roecker moved, and David Reeves seconded the motion to pay the bills. Motion passed with a 4/0 vote.

Electric Bills	1,667.39
Ks Sales Tax	473.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	2,893.84
Verizon	181.44
Payroll	10,124.67
Kansas One Call	80.40
Board Compensation	250.00
Rafter JK Services	2,235.50
SEK Coop	1,009.68
KRWA	830.00
Pitney Bowes	196.98
Stumbo Hanson	67.70
KDOR-Misc. Tax	84.07
MBT & W	62.49
Didde Office Supply	107.32
Floyd D Burch	570.55
Olathe Winwater	2,512.00
Kansas Employment Fund	43.96

The next Annual Board Meeting will be on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

With no further discussion, Buddy Griffin moved, and Bob Ramshaw seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed 4/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Secretary 2/12/2025