

RWD #4 – Franklin County Board Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 2024

Chairman, David Reeves called the meeting to order on November 13th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at 1506 Old Highway 50, Williamsburg, KS. Board members present: Bob Ramshaw, Buddy Griffin, Mitch Roecker, Blake Jorgensen, and David Reeves. Employees present: Phil DePriest, Ellie Roecker, Dan Mathias. Patrons Jacob Guyett, Lloyd McClure, Bill Lister, Rose Mary Saunders from Ransom Financial, Brian Foster, and Andrew Fagan from BG Consultants.

Proof of Meeting: Ottawa Herald

Minutes: Bob Ramshaw moved, and Mitch Roecker seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 9th. Motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

Interested Parties: 1.) Bill & Darlene Lister

Communications: None

Old Business: 1.) The Well

New Business: 1.) Water Conservation Plan 2.) Bids for Line Project 3.) Letter from Becky & James Dodd 4.) Bond Activity Statement.

Operator Report: 1) Ottawa Booster pumped 5.2 M in October and so far 3.2 M in November and the well pumped 0 K in October from it still being shut down. 2.) We had 1 leak repair. 3.) We have 2 new meters to install and 1 to move. 4.) Line exposed/found in creek bottom on Idaho North of Clark Rd. It's an old, abandoned line so we won't have to do anything with it. 5.) Inventory is done for the auditors 6.) Mixer for Hilltop tower is ordered, hopefully we will be able to fill it fuller when it comes in and it's installed. 6.) We ended up buying a new heater for Hilltop tower as well old one had broken parts and was 12 years old. 7.) All of the new parts, quill, and lines have came in to fix well just waiting on Jacob to catch up on his work, going to get it all installed as soon as possible.

Office Manager Report: 1) We had 66 delinquent accounts as of October 15th. Billed out \$695.70 in late fees. 2.) Auditors will be here on the 18th-19th for annual audit, Ellie has been emailing them a lot of stuff ahead of time. 3.) Lead and Copper forms got submitted to KDHE Ellie will be updating the list as meters sell, or new meters/houses get built. We will have to re-submit it before July 1st of every year. Ellie also sent out letters to everyone with Lead, Galvanized or Unknown service lines. 4.) Starting January 1st all locates will go up in price from \$1.20 to \$1.33 each. 5.) Ellie will also be gone for a couple of hours on a day coming up, not sure when yet.

Communications: Bill Lister had two concerns he talked about at the meeting. The first one was for the right of way easement on his property located on Florida Rd where the new proposed water line upgrade will take place. Bill stated he had easement terms with Evergy when they went through this same property, and he was expecting the same land grant with the water district. Bill said he also talked with the public works department to address this question he had. He asked how our policy compared to other water districts in the county, we haven't paid for an easement in the past. Bill also had a concern about extensive erosion along Florida Rd it was repaired by the water district several years ago when the line was previously exposed. We plan to fix/cover it up when the new water line gets installed. Bills second concern at the meeting was the district coordinated with adjoining landowner Jeff, to give them the go ahead for the Ranch fence contractor to cut the fence and install a gate where the waterline is running South to the I-35 rest area. The district did not know about this until after it was already installed. The board members told Bill that they would look into it and get

ahold of Jeff the land owner, and also the fence contractor to see what all happened. The board told Bill we would get back with him and let him know what we figured out. Brian Foster, the engineer at BG Consultants, was also at the meeting to go over the bids we had on 10/30/24. Out of the five bids we opened that day the board and engineers agreed to award the contract to Hettinger Excavating for the Base Bid plus Bid Alternates #1 for the sum of \$1,752,575.00. Buddy Griffin moved, and Blake Jorgensen seconded the motion, motion carried with a 5/0 vote. Brain thought it would be around the end of February/ beginning of March before they would start. They also authorized the Chairman and Attorney to process all contract documents and proceed with construction. Blake Jorgensen moved, and Buddy Griffin seconded the motion, motion carried with a 5/0 vote. We also talked with Brian to see if there was any way to move the Weigand tower to replace the Chippewa water tower. We will send the specs to Brian, and he will try to get an estimate to get it relocated.

Bob Ramshaw moved, and Buddy Griffin seconded the motion to approve the transfer of the meters, motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Transfer BUC's: #0574 Shaum to Cozzitorto
#0285 Bishop to Thompson
#0338 Ferguson to Lazarowicz
#0493 Waldron to Sylvester

Bob Ramshaw moved, and Mitch Roecker seconded the motion to approve the sale of the new meters. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

New BUC's: #0935 Michael Thibault
#0936 Chad & Kristin Prewett

Mitch Roecker moved, and Bob Ramshaw seconded the motion to approve the forfeited meter, motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

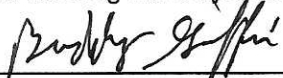
Forfeited Meters: #0887 Gail Kinsella

Bills: The following bills were presented to the Board for payment: Buddy Griffin moved, and Bob Ramshaw seconded the motion to pay the bills. Motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

Electric Bills	2,013.21
Ks Sales Tax	522.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	2,893.84
Verizon	177.97
Payroll	10,656.27
BG Consultants	13,189.50
Kansas One Call	156.00
Board Compensation	300.00
Rafter JK Services	400.00
D & S Sanitation	250.00
Elliot Insurance	2,012.00
Advantage Computer	37.50
Stumbo & Hanson LLP	90.00
Home Base	124.79
Everett & Debra Price	1,200.00

The next regular Board Meeting will be on December 11th, 2024.

With no further discussion, Buddy Griffin moved, and Bob Ramshaw seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed 5/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m


Secretary 12/11/2024