Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 5:58 p.m.

<u>Attending</u>: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Wesley Prather, Keith Boothe, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Field Superintendent, Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: Gary Chapman, representing Meade County Fiscal Court

Public Session: No comments from the public

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: No meeting was held in December. The minutes from the November 2020 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Prather made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boothe. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for November was reviewed noting that the district has 5,222 customers. In addition, 4 new meters had been set in November and 117 YTD. Commissioner Stivers made a motion to accept the financial report for September. Commissioner Prather seconded. Motion passed. The financial report for December was reviewed noting the district has 5201 customers. In addition, 19 new meters had been set in December and 136 YTD.

Collections: Mr. Gossett advised the District would be collecting delinquent water bills in January 2021. This was the first time bills had been collected for non-payment since February 2020 due to executive order from the KPSC and Governor Brashear. In addition, the District did not collect bills in November and December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, respectively, falling the day after collections would have been scheduled. It was noted there were approximately twice the number of accounts normally collected.

<u>Loan Refinancing:</u> Mr. Gossett advised he had spoken with Mitch Crump regarding the refinancing of some Water District debt. He advised the paper work had been submitted by the bond attorneys to the Kentucky PSC and was optimistic the process could be completed by the end of February and that rates were still looking very favorable.

<u>Policy Manual:</u> Mr. Gossett advised the Board it was time to update the policy manual. The manual had not been updated since 2005. He has been working with Lincoln Trail ADD in the process since they had provided technical assistance in 2005. He plans to have updated information reflecting current regulations for approval at the next meeting.

<u>United Systems upgrade:</u> Mr. Gossett advised it was time to upgrade our existing consumer and operations and billing software system currently provided by United Systems. He advised several companies had presented presentations and bids. United Systems by far was the best priced system and would be contacted to begin the upgrade process.

<u>2019 Water Main Extension project</u>: Mr. Gossett advised the 2019 water main extension project was moving forward. Permission had been granted by RD to advertise for bids. The project had been listed in various plan rooms and 8 contractors had obtained plans of the project. A pre-bid

meeting was scheduled for January 28 and bid opening was scheduled for February 4. Once the bids were evaluated by HDR, a recommendation would be made to the board and the project submitted to the KY PSC for approval. This process could take up to a month. It is hoped construction could proceed by late March or early April.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Myers to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stivers. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett.

Attending: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Wesley Prather, Keith Boothe, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: No Guests were in attendance

<u>Public Session:</u> No comments from the public for special called meeting

Minutes of Previous Meeting: No minutes were presented for this special called meeting.

Financial Report: No financial report for this special called meeting.

2019 Water System Improvement Project:

Mr. Gossett presented the certified bid tabulations for the seven (7) bids received on February 4th, 2021 for the 2019 Water System Improvement Projects as compiled and certified by Sr. Project Manager, Kevin Brian from HDR.

The review showed Dirt Works Unlimited, LLC as the low bidder for the base bid (85,700 lf of 4-through 8-inch PVC water mains) in the amount of \$2,088,820. Given the construction budget for this project was \$1,962,750 plus contingency, the additive alternates were not considered. Based on the contractor's qualifications, personnel resumes and additional information provided by Dirt Works, HDR does not take exception to Meade County Water District awarding this work to Dirt Works in the amount of \$2,088,820.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stivers to accept the bid tabulation as presented by HDR and the recommendation from Sr. Project Manager, Kevin Brian from HDR to award the contract for the 2019 Water System Improvement Project to Dirt Works Unlimited LLC, in the amount of \$2,088,820.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boothe. Motion carried.

Close Session/Adjournment

There being no further business to be conducted in this special called meeting, motion was made by Commissioner Myers to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Prather, motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 5:58 p.m.

<u>Attending</u>: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Wesley Prather, Keith Boothe, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Field Superintendent, Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

<u>Guests:</u> Mitch Crump, representing RSA Advisors, LLC. Gary Chapman, representing Meade County Fiscal Court

Public Session: No comments from the public

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes from the January 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Boothe made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Myers. Motion passed. The minutes from the Special Called meeting of February 15, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Stivers made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Prather. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for January 2021 was reviewed noting that the district has 5,252 customers. In addition, 10 new meters had been set in January. Commissioner Prather made a motion to accept the financial report for January. Commissioner Boothe seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Loan Refinancing:</u> Mitch Crump addressed the board regarding the refinancing of some Water District debt. He advised the that interest rates were still looking very favorable and the paper work had been submitted by the bond attorneys to the Kentucky PSC. He reported they were waiting approval from the PSC and was optimistic the process could be completed by the middle of March.

<u>Policy Manual:</u> Mr. Gossett distributed draft copies of the Personnel Policy manual for the Board to review. The draft had also been sent to Lincoln Trail ADD for review since they had worked with the Water District on the development in 2005. He asked board to look over the draft and offer any advice and input at the March meeting.

<u>United Systems upgrade</u>: Mr. Gossett advised he had agreed to work with United Systems to upgrade the District's customer service programs. He advised the process would take 3-5 months to get the system upgraded and employees trained in using the upgraded system.

<u>2019 Water Main Extension project</u>: Mr. Gossett advised the 2019 water main extension project was moving forward. He presented some paper work to be signed and sent to Randy Jones with Rubin & Hays. He advised the proposed rate increase to be in the Meade County Messenger the week of February 22. All paperwork will then be submitted for approval by the PSC and hopefully work could begin mid-April 2021.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Stivers to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prather. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Board Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 6:00 p.m. <u>Attending</u>: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Wesley Prather, Keith Boothe, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Field Superintendent, Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: Cecil Hardesty, Kevin Brian representing HDR

<u>Public Session:</u> Mr. Hardesty addressed the commission about water mains for Sirocco Road between Midway Road and Navaho Trail. He understood that Sirocco Road would be done when the District was awarded the RD loan. It was explained that Sirocco Road was not in the RD project but would be a road to be considered as an in-house project for the District. Mr. Gossett was asked to get some cost estimates for materials for Sirocco Road for the April meeting.

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: The minutes from the February 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Prather. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for February 2021 was reviewed noting that the district has 5,259 customers. Due to snow and ice, no new meters had been set in February, but March had been very busy with meter sets. Commissioner Prather made a motion to accept the financial report for January. Commissioner Stivers seconded. Motion passed.

<u>2019 Water Main Extension project</u>: Kevin Brian with HDR advised the 2019 water main extension project was moving forward. He said the PSC should approve the project soon and a Notice of Award could be issued to allow Dirt Works to order materials. He suggested we could go ahead and issue the Notice of Award to allow materials to be ordered. According to the contractor, he could cancel an order for materials within two weeks of placing the order and not suffer a monetary penalty if the approval process was held up. The commission agreed to issue the Notice of Award. In addition, the Bond bid from RD was read and approved. The sale resolution was approved and signed.

<u>Loan Refinancing</u>: Mitch Crump advised Mr. Gossett the PSC would give approval of the bond refinancing on Friday, March 26. He further stated, pending PSC approval, they would plan to sell the bond on Wednesday March 31.

<u>Policy Manual:</u> Mr. Gossett distributed draft copies of the Personnel Policy manual at the February meeting for the Board to review. The draft had also been sent to Lincoln Trail ADD for review since they had worked with the Water District on the development in 2005. After discussion and understanding that Lincoln Trail had reviewed the document and found it to be up to date. Commissioner Stivers recommended listing a date of the revision in the manual to March 2021. He then made a motion to accept the revised Personnel Handbook. Second by Commissioner Prather, motion carried.

Rate Increase: Mr. Gossett distributed copies of the proposed rate increase for the 2019 water main project as provided by RD. There was no discussion, this was a reminder the increase would be 11.5% and placed into effect when orders of the commission were received.

<u>Commissioner Re-appointment:</u> Mr. Gossett advised the terms of Commissioners Stivers and Prather would expire July 1, 2021. After discussion, both commissioners advised they would like to be re-appointed for another term. Mr. Gossett will present their names to the Meade County Judge Executive for approval by the Fiscal Court at the May Fiscal Court Meeting.

<u>United Systems upgrade:</u> Mr. Gossett advised United Systems is working upgrade the District's customer service program. He advised the there had been one training session with Water District personnel and the system may be ready to go live sometime in mid-April. If not April, then May.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Stivers to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Myers. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Board Meeting Minutes April 27, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Attending</u>: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Wesley Prather, Keith Boothe, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Field Superintendent, Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: Mike Barbieri

<u>Public Session:</u> There were no people present for the public session.

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: The minutes from the March 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Prather made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Myers. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for March 2021 was reviewed noting that the district has 5,274 customers. 17 new meters had been set in March for a total of 27 new meters for the year. Commissioner Boothe made a motion to accept the financial report for March. Commissioner Stivers seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Closed Session:</u> Citing KRS 61.810(1)(b), as it pertains to potential purchase of property, commissioner Stivers made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. Second by Commissioner Myers, motion passed. On a motion from Commissioner Boothe to come out of Closed Session, second by Commissioner Myers, the Commission came out of Closed Session at 6:25. No action was taken.

2019 Water Main Extension project: Mr. Gossett reported the beginning of construction on the 2019 Water Main Extension began April 19, 2021. Dirt Works was nearing completion on the installation of water mains on Fred Fackler Road and at hiway 60 between hiway 313 and Nutrien Ag Solutions. He reported the district should be able to start installing meters on Fred Fackler Road the week of May 10, providing pressure testing and water testing was complete. The hiway 60 tie-line should be ready to flow water by the week of May 10. Mr. Gossett also reported the first progress meeting and pay app #1 was presented earlier in the day. All parties agreed the project was progressing well in week one.

Amended Water Rate Resolution: Mr. Gossett informed the Board we had failed to file a resolution with the PSC regarding the new rates as a result of the RD loan project. Randy Jones with Rubin Hayes had prepared an Amended Water Rate Resolution for the Commission. Motion by Commissioner Boothe to approve the Resolution, second by Commissioner Prather. Motion carried. Commissioner Boothe and Chairman Cornett signed the Resolution and Mr. Gossett is to forward the signed papers to Randy Jones for submittal to the PSC.

<u>Early Meter Deposits</u>: Mr. Gossett raised a question of nearly 350 meter deposits collected prior to 2008. Some were over 35 years old and many of those potential consumers are now deceased. Mr. Gossett asked for guidance since these deposits are not clearly stated for a location, may only be for a small portion of a meter fee or any other information. These deposits were good faith deposits that if/when water became available that the consumer wanted water. The

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Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 6:00 p.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Keith Boothe, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Field Superintendent, Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: Gary Chapman, Steve Wardrip,

<u>Public Session:</u> Mr. Chapman addressed the commission about water mains for Patchwork Estates on hiway 710. He also stated the county is working to help obtain funds that may come available from grants and programs as a result of Covid 19 pandemic. Mr. Wardrip was asking about potential for water lines on Stringtown Road. The Commission explained to loop that road to U.S. 60 would require about 3 miles of water mains and there were not a lot of potential hook ups on that road.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The were no minutes for May since the meeting was canceled. Minutes from the April 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stivers made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Myers. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for April 2021 was reviewed noting that the district has 5,227 customers. 13 new meters had been set in April for a total of 40 for the year. Commissioner Stivers made a motion to accept the financial report for April. Commissioner Boothe, seconded. Motion passed. The financial report for May 2021 was reviewed noting the district has 5279 customers. 15 new meters had been set in May for a total of 55 for the year.

<u>2019 Water Main Extension project</u>: Mr. Gossett reported good progress on the project with several lines already installed, pressure tested, flushed, tested and ready for consumer meters. He reported 46% of the water mains had been installed in 30% of the days allotted for the project. Due to an engineering issue in the district's favor, approximated \$100,000 will be available to install one of the Gobbler Knob alternate and a portion of the Hiway 710 line beginning at Haysville Road.

<u>Insurance Renewal:</u> Mr. Gossett presented the renewal cost for the Water District Insurance Policy for '21/'22 stating the increase in premium from Curneal and Hignite Insurance was just over \$2,000 or approximately 8%.

<u>Early Meter Deposits:</u> Mr. Gossett advised there had not been ample time to review the situation with meter deposits made back as far as the 1980's. He asked for more time to consult with legal counsel on how we need to proceed with deposits left from deceased consumers. He will try to have some recommendations for the July meeting.

<u>2020 CCR:</u> Mr. Gossett advised the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report was completed and mailed to the DOW in Frankfort. It was available on the District web site and the web site address was printed on water bills mailed in June.

Board Meeting Minutes July 27, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 6:00 p.m. <u>Attending</u>: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Keith Boothe, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Wesley Prather and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: No guests were in attendance for this meeting.

Public Session: There was no public session since there were no guests.

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: The minutes from the June 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Boothe made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Prather. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for June 2021 was reviewed noting that the district has 5,328 customers. 2 new meters had been set in June for a total of 57 for the year. Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept the financial report for June. Commissioner Stivers, seconded. Motion passed.

2019 Water Main Extension project: Mr. Gossett reported good progress with 77% of the scheduled footage installed in 50% of the contracted time for the project. Several of the new lines have been pressure tested and are ready for flushing and water testing in order to install consumer meters. He reported that the option of the Gobbler Knob alternate would not be installed. Instead, a portion of the Hiway 710 alternate line beginning at Haysville Road would be installed for as far as budgeted money of the project would allow. He also reported that final grading and grass seeding would be delayed until late August or September when grass would have a better chance to survive with a fall planting.

Potential Government Funding: Mr. Gossett advised as a result of Senate Bill 36, Meade County should receive an allotment of just over 1 million dollars drinking water service for unserved areas of the county. At this time there is no clear process for distributing that money. Mr. Gossett will maintain contact with county officials and Lincoln Trail ADD on the progress and distribution of the monies. Mr. Gossett is staying in contact with Judge Stith for the allotment of these funds. Mr. Gossett met with Kevin Brian of HDR and to develop a list of potential projects for water mains and presented that list to the Commissioners.

KRWA Annual Business Meeting: Mr. Gossett advised the commission of the upcoming KRWA business meeting in Louisville August 23-25. To be a voting member at the meeting, a credentials form must be completed in full and submitted to the KRWA office. Chairman Cornett made a motion for Tim Gossett to be the representative for Meade County Water District. Second by Commissioner Prather. Motion carried.

Wholesale User Amendment #4: Mr. Gossett advised Hardin County #1 needed to modify the Wholesale User Agreement to reflect the potential increase in water use as a result of the water main extension project. The modified agreement increased the gallons per minute from 1000 gallons per minute to 1100 gallons per minute and increased the daily volume from 1,400,000

gallons per day to 1,500,000 gallons per day. Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept the amendment to the contract. Second by Commissioner Stivers. Motion passed

<u>Adjournment:</u> Commissioner Stivers made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Prather. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52.

Board Meeting Minutes August 24, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 6:00 p.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Wesley Prather, Superintendent Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: Gary Chapman.

Public Session: There were no comments from the guest.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes from the July 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stivers made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Myers. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for July 2021 was not presented since the Bookkeeper has been absent from work with Covid 19. The July and August Financial Report will be presented at the September Board meeting. It was reported that 12 new meters had been set in July for a total of 69 for the year.

Board Resolution: Mr. Gossett informed the board of a call from Damon Talley with SKO Attorneys. There has been a recent change in KRWA's Interim Construction Financing for RD loans. The change should substantially lower the interest rate on all borrowers. KRWA, with the assistance of six (6) water districts and cities, has created a new public agency called the Rural Water Financing Agency to enable water districts and cities who have RD Projects to secure their Interim Construction Financing.

It is a two (2) step process to participate: (1) a water district must adopt a Resolution; and (2) a water district must give 30-days' notice to the County Judge/Executive (CJE). Mr. Gossett provided a copy of the Resolution to the Commission members. Commissioner Stivers made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Prather seconded. Motion Passed. Mr. Gossett advised he would provide the County Judge Executive with the notice.

2019 Water Main Extension project: Mr. Gossett reported good progress with water main installation 92% or 73,400 feet of water mains installed. Several of the new lines have been pressure tested and are ready for flushing and water testing in order to install consumer meters. He reported remaining routes to be installed included Green Meadows, Whelan Road and Buck Grove Road, along with Alt 1—KY 710 from KY 144/ Hayesville Rd to tie into Point Salem Road. He also reported that final grading and grass seeding was beginning. He reported Dirt Works was doing good work with very few concerns from consumers regarding the neatness of the work. Dirt Works is estimating completion of all work by the end of October 2021. Hardin County #1 is expecting delivery of materials soon and will complete the tie-in at Clarkson Road as soon as possible.

Board Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 5:59 p.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Wesley Prather, Superintendent Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: There were no guests present.

Public Session: There were no comments.

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: The minutes from the August 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Prather. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for August was not presented since the bookkeeper is only working part time as she recovers from Covid 19. The July 2021 financial report was presented. It was noted the district had 17 new meters set in July and 74 for the year with a consumer count of 5332. The August and September Financial Reports will should be available at the October Board meeting.

2019 Water Main Extension project: Mr. Gossett reported progress with water main extension project. Weather, material delays and an easement have slowed progress on the installation of water mains. However, several of the new lines have been pressure tested and are ready for flushing and water testing in order to install consumer meters. He reported remaining routes to be installed included a portion of Green Meadows, Whelan Road and a portion of Buck Grove Road. Dirt Works still has several pit relocations to do after the new water lines pass testing. An easement has been recorded to cross a consumer's property to complete the loop from on the KY 710 to Point Salem Road Alternate #1. Hardin County #1 has installed the metering vault at the end of Clarkson Road and tie in of the water main to the vault should be done this week. He reported that grading and grass seeding was progressing well. A list of items that need additional grading and rock work was presented to Dirt Works for follow up. Dirt Works is still estimating completion of all work by the end of October 2021.

Mr. Gossett also reported the district was using large amounts of water for flushing the newly installed water mains. Some of that water cost could be included in overall project costs and some of those funds re-imbursed from RD. HDR and Chad Sipes to work on those water costs estimates.

<u>Software/consumer Information System update:</u> Mr. Gossett advised the United Systems programming was installed and everyone was still adjusting to it. There have been some issues with the program and online payment portal. While those issues are getting worked out, it was decided to not collect bills for non-payment in September as many consumers had problems trying to make their payments on-line.

Audit: Completed reports of the audit were given to those commissioners who were present.

Board Meeting Minutes October 26, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Prather at 5:59 p.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Allen Stivers, Rick Myers, Wesley Prather, Keith Boothe, Superintendent Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

<u>Guests:</u> Randall Hardest and Gary Chapman representing Meade County Fiscal Court. Kevin Brian with HDR.

<u>Public Session:</u> Mr. Hardesty ask about water main extension further down Sandy Hill Road. He was advised there were no immediate plans for expansion. Depending on the availability of Senate Bill 36 or American Rescue Plan monies, and distribution by Fiscal Court, there could be expansion of some water mains in the county.

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: The minutes from the September 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stivers made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boothe. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for August was presented since it was not available for the September meeting. It was noted the district had 12 new meters set in August and 86 for the year. Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept the August financial report, second by Commissioner Stivers. Motion passed. The September 2021 financial report was presented. It was noted the district had 7 new meters set in September and 93 for the year with a consumer count of 5,319. Commissioner Boothe made a motion to accept the September financial report, second by Commissioner Myers. Motion carried.

2019 Water Main Extension project: Mr. Gossett requested Kevin Brian with HDR to report on the progress of the water main extension project. He reported the Buck Grove Road loop was nearly complete and Whelan Road should be complete within the next two weeks, completing the installation of water mains. Remaining activities would then shift to approximately 12-meter pit re-locations following the pressuring testing and successful BacT testing of the new lines. Ground and asphalt restoration is continuing and it was hoped asphalt repairs would be made by mid-November. It was noted that it is late in the year and grass may or may not have time to get established by winter. Final payments will be withheld until Spring for any remaining ground restoration required. HDR personnel and Water District personnel will continue to drive the new routes and make notes on areas that were not satisfactorily repaired.

<u>Water Issues:</u> Mr. Gossett reported low chlorine residual issues in the western portion of the service area and several of the newly installed water mains. Chad Sipes reported low residual chlorine levels were taking large amounts of water to flush lines to bring the water to necessary levels. The district is working with HDR, the KY DOW and Hardin County WD #1 to improve the desired levels. HDR will be looking at engineering options to improve the chlorine numbers. A variety of options be investigated include the addition of chemical injectors in the Brandenburg or Payneville pump stations, automatic flushing equipment, re-circulation pumps and water mains that would complete loops to improve water quality. It was noted it is important

to have some resolution to the issue by June 2022 since it is more difficult to control chlorine levels in the summer months.

<u>Employee search</u>: Mr. Gossett advised the district is looking for a water technician to replace an employee who resigned recently.

<u>Phone System improvements</u>: Mr. Gossett reported the old phone system had been having reliability issues for a period of time. After meeting with Brandenburg Telephone Company employees, we were advised our system was obsolete and not supported for repairs. BBTEL gave a price and recommendation for a new system that operated on a VOIP platform. The new system required rewiring the office at no additional cost, installing the equipment through a lease program at a cost slightly less than the district was currently paying. The equipment is leased and all maintenance and upkeep will be a part of the lease agreement.

<u>Adjournment:</u> Commissioner Stivers made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Myers. Meeting was adjourned at 6:36.

Approval of Minutes: I hereby certify the foregoing minutes were duly approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Meade County Water District at a meeting held on the date shown below:

Meade County Water District

Doug Cornett, Chairman November 23, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes November 23, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cornett at 6:04 p.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Doug Cornett, Rick Myers, Wesley Prather, Keith Boothe, Superintendent Chad Sipes and General Manager, Tim Gossett

Guests: Gary Chapman representing Meade County Fiscal Court.

Public Session: Mr. Chapman had no questions or comments at the time.

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: The minutes from the October 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Prather. Motion passed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: The financial report for October was presented. It was noted the district set 17 new meters in October and 110 for the year with a consumer count of 5,324. Commissioner Prather made a motion to accept the October financial report, second by Commissioner Boothe. Motion carried.

2019 Water Main Extension project: Mr. Gossett reported on the progress of the water main extension project. He reported all water mains have been installed with the exception of about 200 feet of line to be installed on Whelan Road. Remaining activities would then shift to approximately 12-meter pit re-locations following the pressuring testing and successful BacT testing of the new lines. Ground and asphalt restoration is continuing. It was noted that it is late in the year and grass may or may not have time to get established by winter. Final payments will be withheld until Spring for any remaining ground restoration required. HDR personnel and Water District personnel will continue to drive the new routes and make notes on areas that were not satisfactorily repaired.

Senate Bill 36: Mr. Gossett ongoing progress with potential monies available for water main extension projects. Mr. Gossett reported 6 projects had been submitted to Lincoln Trail ADD who would in turn submit those projects to KIA for consideration. Those choices were made to be an approximation to the cost of construction in relation to the amount of funding to be made available.

Manager Search: Mr. Gossett reported the district had received two applications for the manager's job. Members of the commission expressed their desire to advertise and seek additional applicants. Mr. Gossett to check with KRWA on assistance with additional search, possible advertising in newspaper and employ the use of a headhunter company to assist.

<u>Nucor/933 water meeting:</u> Mr. Gossett advised he and Chad Sipes along with Kevin Brian from HDR had met with representatives from Nucor and the Brandenburg Mayor regarding water for Nucor. Nucor has an interest in having water service to the new plant location. The meeting was a fact-finding opportunity to determine required capacity, time frame and other information regarding water service and mains to Nucor. The group will meet again December 10.

Meade County Water District did not have a Board meeting in December of 2021.