

**UNAPPROVED
MINUTES OF THE TM RURAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 29th, 2022**

President Greg Wirth called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of TM Rural Water District to order at 7:00 P.M. on August 29th, 2022, meeting located at 110 North Main Avenue, Parker, SD, a quorum was present. Members present: Curt Matthies, Greg Nugteren, Dennis R. Johnson, Greg Wirth, Steve Knutson, Rob Christiansen and Dennis M. Johnson. Also present: Jay Jorgensen

President Greg Wirth asked for any additions to the agenda.

It was moved by Dennis R. Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Greg Wirth asked the Board for any corrections or additions to the July 25th, 2022 Board Minutes.

Greg Nugteren reviewed the Treasurer's Report, unpaid bills list and the bills which were paid between the previous and present Board meetings.

It was moved by Rob Christiansen, to approve the consent agenda (approval of the July 25th, 2022 minutes, approve the Treasurer's Report and unpaid bills and ratify bills paid between previous and present Board meetings as presented). Motion carried.

Jay Jorgensen reported on the monthly operations of TM Rural Water District.

Jay Jorgensen updated the Board on the construction and maintenance being completed by system operators over the last month.

Jay Jorgensen notified the Board that Operators will be finishing up the construction season next month due to lack of meter pits.

Jay Jorgensen informed the Board that the District had received two FRS Grant Requests from the City of Monroe and that both requests had been submitted to the FRS Committee for consideration.

Jay Jorgensen informed the Board that the District had received a partial refund from the District's Health Insurance provider due to the low number of claims the previous year.

Jay Jorgensen notified the Board that the District recently received the Excavation Vac ordered last month from Ditch Witch and two ³/₄ Ford Pickups ordered earlier this year from Parker Ford.

Jay Jorgensen reported to the Board on the SDARWS's lobbying actions with the SD PUC regarding the proposed CO₂ Pipeline that would run through the eastern portion of South Dakota. SDARWS is requesting that Rural Water Systems that have this pipeline running through their territories contribute to this unbudgeted lobbying expense. The pipeline route does not currently run through TM RWD territory, but TM has been kept apprised of the situation from the SDARWS.

Motion by Greg Nugteren that TM Rural Water District contribute \$380.80 to the SDARWS for their lobbying efforts with the SD PUC. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.

Jay Jorgensen notified the Board that the District has been randomly chosen for an audit of the District NTCA Retirement & Security Program contributions. Audit will begin at the end of September and be completed in February 2023.

Jay Jorgensen informed the Board of maintenance to be completed on the SE Water Tower on Hwy 18.

Jay Jorgensen updated the Board on the status of the FEMA HMGP Grant the District applied for regarding backup power generation at remote sites throughout the District.

Jay Jorgensen updated the Board on needed changes to the NTCA R&S program needed to keep the current Benefit Factor for TM Employees.

Motion by Greg Nugteren to increase TM Rural Water District contribution to level needed to keep the current Benefit Factor for TM Employees retirement. Motion carried.

Jay Jorgensen updated the Board on the 2022 TM Rural Water District State Water Plan Project that is currently in the design phase with the system engineer.

Jay Jorgensen presented the Board with a cropland reimbursement plan for landowners effected by the 2022 State Water Plan Project.

Motion by Dennis M. Johnson to reimburse landowners a one-time payment of \$1,000.00 to cross their private property to place waterline for the 2022 SWP Improvement Project. Motion carried.

Jay Jorgensen presented the Board with the existing Board Policy regarding crop damage paid by the District when placing mainline pipe across private property.

Jay Jorgensen presented the Board with the Option to Purchase Agreement needed for test well sites for the 2022 SWP Improvement Project.

Motion by Dennis R. Johnson to reimburse landowners \$600.00 for consideration of option to purchase the ground for three years and to pay the landowner \$15,000.00/acre of ground needed to place new well if their site proves to be the best area for the new TM Rural Water District well. Motion carried.

Jay Jorgensen presented the Board with a design and estimate for a new storage/machine shed for the District.

Jay Jorgensen informed the Board that the September Board Meeting scheduled for Monday September 26th needs to be rescheduled due to President, Treasurer and Manager attending the WaterPro event.

Motion by Steve Knutson to reschedule the September Board Meeting of the Board of TM Rural Water District to Thursday September 22nd. Motion carried.

Moved by Dennis M. Johnson that “the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M. Steve Knutson, Secretary.

Date

Secretary

President