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MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 14, 2023

The regular monthly board meeting of Rural Water District #2, Mayes County, Oklahoma was held at the District Office. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Amos Allen at 7:30 p.m.

Quorum was established – Members present: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, and Travis Mahurin. Members late: John Hardin and Michael Southern.

Members left early: None.

Members absent: Charles Coblentz and Dale Yoder.

Employees present: Christopher Neel, Ryann Rotert, Thomas Rotert, and Kathy Waggoner.

Visitors present: None

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by Travis Mahurin to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Johnny Diacon and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve July bills check numbers 20640 – 20662 plus 15 bills to be paid online, August payroll and postage in the amount of \$156,348.56. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Travis Mahurin and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve the following benefit unit transfers: BU#s 2380, 1658, 2624, 13-I, 1697, 1824, 2898, 36-B, 453, 1048, 1340, 1964, and 2544. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Johnny Diacon and seconded by Travis Mahurin to approve renewing 2 CDs at Armstrong Bank as 9 month terms for better rates. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Cobb to approve payment to Wastewater Solutions of Oklahoma for the "Cantrell Water Line Project, IHS Project OK22.F66", Invoice number 1752 in the amount of \$26,975.00 with check number 20663. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Johnny Diacon and seconded by Travis Mahurin to award the 2023 Valve Replacement Project to DMD Construction LLC in the amount of \$243,830.00, which was the lowest and best bid of the six bids submitted. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Travis Mahurin, John Hardin and Michael Southern.

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by Travis Mahurin to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with M&S Construction Company, Inc. for on-call contractor services. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Travis Mahurin, John Hardin and Michael Southern. Voting no: None.

Manager Chris Neel gave a brief Engineering Report on behalf of Brian Kellogg: The 412 Bridge Bore Project is moving forward, a biological assessment has been requested. The Port of Inola project has requested a Temporary Meter quote, Kellog is working on demand numbers to work out the quote.

Manager Chris Neel gave a Manager's report: Water loss was at 8.84%, Master B had to be estimated again. Haynes Equipment has not been able to come out yet. There were breaks on 8 inch lines almost every week this month. OOWA bill was a little higher this month; rate increase took effect and Rogers 6 is still buying water from us while they work to fix their line. Hired two new employees at \$16.00/hour; will increase to \$17/hour after probation. They both had experience with operating equipment, construction and some water line installation/repair. They do not have a water license, but they will get a temporary license and work toward the D license within one year. Looking at having Zenner send someone to make sure we are utilizing everything we can be to the best of our abilities within their system.

Under New Business:

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Cobb to approve payment to DMD Construction for their July services in the amount of \$5,425.00, check number 20664. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Travis Mahurin, John Hardin and Michael Southern. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Johnny Diacon and seconded by Michael Southern to adjourn. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Amos Allen, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Travis Mahurin, John Hardin and Michael Southern. Voting no: None.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Amos Allen at 9:06 p.m.

Secretary Treasurer (seal)