CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
February 14, 2024
MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kalitowski. There was no need for introductions.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kalitowski, Chairman; Dave Liggett, Sec./Treasurer; Dave Picchioni, V. Chairman; Lon Sibley, Roundup; Bob Church, Great West Eng.; Susan Hayes, Great West Eng.; Amy Deitchler, Great West Eng.; Shelby Welch, RD; Greg Kruzich, BOR; Rick Duncan, MT DNRC; Steve Troendle, RD; Dan Semmens, Dorsey & Whitney; Sam Klepzig, O&M Manager; Paul Otten, Harlowton; Allen Davis, Ryegate, Monty Sealey, Project & Mgmt Services; Connie Roussan, Melstone by Proxy.

TREASURER'S REPORTT & CURRENT BILLS: Dave Liggett reported a beginning bank balance at 1st Security Bank of $163,100 with deposits of $179,072. Invoices totaled $61,046 including $47,500 to our O&M account to assist payback of a loan at 1st Security Bank. The reported ending bank balance was $281,547.

The reported bank balance at Sockman Bank was ($2,982,613) with deposits of $3,185,197, leaving a balance of $202,585. Total bills were $2,205,555 leaving an ending balance of ($2,002,971) until reimbursements are received. It was noted that bank balances were adjusted + $4,696.50 and (4,696.50) at Stockman Bank.

Dave Liggett moved to approve the report and pay the bills as presented; seconded by Dave Picchioni; motion carried.

Monty Sealey explained we would like to pay the $60,000 loan at 1st Security Bank and refinance the $100,000 loan with $5,000 payments until we have the funds to make a balloon payment. Lon Sibley moved to make those arrangements and payments at 1st Security Bank; seconded by Paul Otten; motion carried.

Monty Sealey also reported an ending bank balance of the O&M account of $25,709.20 from a report from Tanya. Dave Liggett moved; seconded by Paul Otten to approve the O&M report; motion carried.

O & M REPORT: Sam explained we had a bit of trouble at Harlowton with the wrong cable installed on the meter; the new one should be coming. He credited Harlowton for one million gallons for the month. This should be resolved within two weeks and is under warranty. Otherwise, things are working okay. Sam has been talking with rural water users about the timing of their need for water this spring.

It was also explained about the need for backup water and redundant wells.

WATER USER REGULATIONS-UPDATE: Bob Church explained how we had thought through how we would deal with multiple user hook ups. The meter would be at the mainline. The multiple users will have to pick the contact person to be billed on their behalf. We will install the water hook-up and meter. The group will form their own agreement for users of their service line. A single bill will go to the contact person to pay the bill to CMRWA. Allen Davis moved to approve that language in the rules; seconded by Lon Sibley; motion passed.

Bob Church explained that a single rural service is $2,000 during construction. A 1 ½ "or 2" meter pit during pre-construction is $6,000. Two persons on a single 1" line would be $3,000. Dave Picchioni moved to approve those costs; seconded by Dave Liggitt; motion carried.

SUNSET COLONY WATER USE CONTRACT: Bob Church discussed the Water User Contract with Sunset Colony. He had sent it to our Bond Attorney. It will be provided to the CMRWA Board for approval when done. The contract is for $45,000 gpd. He hopes to have it for approval at the next meeting; then it will be sent to the Colony for their approval.

Bob also mentioned the need for a minor edit in the Melstone contract from Dan Semmens.

PHASE I TO HARLOWTON-STATUS: C&C Excavation has not yet received 7=meter pits that were part of their original contract. They have been on order for 1 ½ years. We are unable to close out our grant with RD until that is resolved. Bob Church noted the worst-case scenario we might be able to put in duel single hook-up if installation costs are not out of line. Sam Klepzig says he thinks he can get the pits from a different supplier. He will see if that is possible and how it could be worked into the C&C work plan.

PHASE II A, B, C, TO ROUNDUP: Amy reported that construction for Ph IIA was continuing this morning. They were continuing to fuse pipe. A Change Order for Phase IIA in the amount of $15,437.24 was brought up to the Board. This was Change Oder !3 for addition of electronic position transmitter, additional pipe spools and installation of light switches in PRVs and AV. It was moved by Dave Liggett; seconded Allen Davis to approve the Change Order; motion passed.

It was mentioned at the morning's Construction Meeting that COP was waiting on their boring contractor to get to the site. All main line pipe, with the exception of pipe at bores, was in the ground. This is the third boring contractor COP has dealt with. Most of the cleanup is complete. They do have a plan for water to use for the boring work. Fergus Electric will set the power line for the PTV site (Half Moon). Once we pay Fergus they will pay the land owner. It is estimated to be 1.32 miles to the PRV site. The total bill to Fergus to the PRV is $47,830.00; and $18,480 to Nelson. Great West approved a submittal from COP for Precast structures I.L.O. cast in place.

At Hochmuth's, a power extension of .75 mile needed. The cost to extend the line I $27,450. We will also need a power drop at Pickar for $3,240.00. COP has the Notice to Proceed for PH IIC. The second Eagle Survey is happening tomorrow.

It was mentioned that a few Easements have been sent back from the Title Insurance Company for resolutions showing the proper signing authority for each ranch, etc. Work to secure those resolutions is on-going.

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE & SUNLIGHT COLONY-STATUS: It was reported that the draft design is complete. Great West is looking at the west end. They hope to have the design complete by the end of the month. It should go out for bids in June. Construction could begin in August. A meeting for water user information is scheduled at 3:30 PM in Melstone.

PHASE III & IIIA-STATUS: Preliminary Cultural and Environmental work is about 90% complete. Will start making land-owner contacts through Lavina and then the hills to the south soon. We don't have funds for Phase III yet. We need to submit an application for additional money. The application will need to be approved by the Legislature

Lavina did opt out of this project and decided not to do a PER. The school in Lavina wants our water. We are sending out a flyer in Lavina's sewer bill next month to gauge those interested in service as we put our main line through town.

We have been contacted by Mountain View Colony south of Broadview. Dollars and water are the issues. They may be outside of our approved service area. More research will need to happen. We are also waiting for a written document from Hobson about the status of their water system project and desire to acquire our water. We will then look at who is in and who is out.

WELLS #4 & #5-STATUS: The well pad for well #4 is complete. Hydro-Resources submitted their 1st Pay App. They intend to begin drilling before April 1. The intend to be complete by August.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT-RD: No report or issues.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION-BOR: BOR asked for an update of our overall funding plan. Bob Church handed out an update.

MT DNRC: No report or issues.

Monty L. Sealey, Project Administrator

03-13-2024
Date