

RAE WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
AGENDA FOR MEETING, August 23rd, 2023 7pm

Call to Order: President

Public Comment:

- Visitors comment period limited to 5 minutes for each individual.

Minutes: Secretary

Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer

Approval of financial report.

Old Business:

- Memorandum Of Understanding between RAE Water District is being finalized through Hyalite engineering and our attorney Susan Swimley. Once we receive the final draft it will be presented to the Board for approval.
- Ken had a meeting with Mike Stenberg from Hyalite engineering, Brock Athman from Allied engineering, and Brad Hammerquist from Morrison Maierle on August 9th. This meeting was to discuss scope of work, time and schedule for the Wastewater PER. Once everything is finalized, we will present it to the Board for approval.
- Architecture 118 is in the process of finalizing the RAE Water main office expansion plans. Once those plans are finalized, they will be presented to the board for approval.

Manager's Report: Ken

- DLM contracting is almost complete with the north reedbed rehab. The reedbeds are over 20 years old and were not performing well. They completely emptied out the north reedbed and replaced the liner, filter material, and replaced the broken drain valve. We will not proceed with the south reedbed at this time. Before any more wastewater projects are started, we will wait to see the results and recommendations of the Wastewater PER.
- Ken has been in contact with Dave Lyons with Lyons excavation about replacing 6 fire hydrants in the RAE Subdivision. The fire hydrants are 45 years old and replacement parts are not readily available anymore. Those six hydrants are also leaking around the main valve assembly. Also, a leak was discovered at a residence on Dogwood drive that Lyons Excavation will repair while they are replacing the hydrants. Lyons soonest availability will be mid-September 2023.
- Ken and Val attended the Gallatin County commissioners meeting on August 1st 2023. Ken gave a short presentation on the Falcon Hollow well number 2 project. The county commissioners then voted and approved a \$400,000 ARPA federal grant to be released and transferred to RAE Water for the completion of the well project.

- Ken and Kevin attended Montana Rural Water training at the Yellow Bay training center. This training concentrates heavily on wastewater biology and treatment processes. During the training there is also a tour of the Kalispell, Whitefish and Big Fork wastewater treatment facilities.

New Business:

- Ken has attached the RAE Water's fiscal year 23'-24' budget, along with budget resolution R-230823A for Board discussion and vote. This year's budget reflects a 3.5 percent rate increase split between the Water base rate and the Sewer base rate, as well as projected revenue from new service connections for the next fiscal year. Request an approval of rate increase resolution R230823.

Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for September 20th at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: