

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 19th, 2025 at 7 pm

Present:

Andrew Williamson, Board President
Nikki Penniman, Vice President-by phone
Rich McLane, Board Member
Bob Ingram, Board Member
Perry Hofferber, Board Member

Ken Ridgway, Manager
Val Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian Peck, Morrison-Maierle
James Connolly, Hyalite Engineers

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Andrew Williamson, Board President. Nikki Penniman attended by phone. The meeting was held in the maintenance building at RAE Water District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Connolly gave an update on the Water Expansion Project. Well #1 has been completed and produces 150 gpm. Well #2 is testing out at 350 gpm. Hyalite Engineers have been working with geotechnical engineers concerning foundation design etc. for the water storage tank being made by Maguire Iron. There is a 402-exemption county meeting on March 11th. James has requested that Susan Swimley, RAE Water District attorney, be present for the meeting. He will be in touch with her. Andrew Williamson may be able to attend as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 2025 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the January 2025 minutes was made by Nikki Penniman and seconded by Perry Hofferber. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Payment to Allied Engineering in January was noted for \$19,188 for the Wastewater PER. January report also included a payment to Big Sky Power Solutions for generator maintenance of \$4,740.00. A motion was made by Rich McLane and seconded by Perry Hofferber the January 2025 financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion was held concerning the \$100,000 CD that matured in January adding \$4,800.00 in interest to the Depreciation account #8713 at Stifel. It was suggested by Ken and Val to roll that over to a 6-month CD at 4%. The Board agrees to purchasing the 6-month CD or a 12-month CD if the rate is higher. We will contact Paul Anthony Holt at Stifel Nicolas to purchase the CD.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wastewater final Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) acceptance R-250219. Discussion was held concerning the PER. Board members requested a more concise executive summary. Brian Peck stated he could do that for no additional charge. A motion was made by Nikki Penniman to accept the Wastewater PER, R-250219 and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGERS REPORT: Ken

- RAE Water main office expansion has been completed. Final payout is being worked through. We have approximately \$17,000 left to pay on this to the contractor. There may be a change order for additional fees for engineering. James Connolly and Ken are working through the details and a further update is coming at the next Board meeting.
- Woodland Park lift station generator failed last month. Ken is still in the process of getting a quote for replacement. The original bid given was very high, but Ken is working on an alternative. The approximately cost for the engine is \$13,000.00
- Check valve in main office supply line needed to be replaced due to leaking. The water heater is over 20 years old so it was replaced as well. Total cost approximately \$7,000. The heater in the garage in the main office building has broken down as well. It has been repaired several times. Ken is getting bids to get a new heater installed.

NEW BUSINESS:

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NEXT MEETING: Discussion was held concerning the need for a meeting in March. Ken Ridgway will be attending MRWS conference the week prior to when the March meeting would be scheduled and spring break for local schools is the week of March 17th. It was decided to cancel the March meeting, unless items come up that require action. The next meeting will be held April 16, 2025, at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: Perry Hofferber motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 and this was seconded by Rich McLane. The motion passed unanimously.

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