## SPRING CREEK / COW CREEK SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, July 14, 2021

The first annual meeting of the Spring Creek / Cow Creek Sanitary District was held at the GF&P Shed at Spring Creek Resort on July 14, 2021. Chairman Utech called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairmen Utech and Wiseman along with Clerk Anderson and Superintendent Ripley were in attendance. Chairman Russell attended via teleconference. Also present were 18 residents of the District.

Utech called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Anderson asked for additional items be added to the end of the agenda. Utech made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes from the June 9, 2021 monthly meeting were presented. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Anderson reported one petition was filed for the open Board of Trustees position, therefore no election was needed. Bryan Wiseman will retain his position on the Board. Clerk Anderson read Wiseman his Oath of Office and executed it accordingly.

Wiseman made a motion to leave the current officer positions intact for the next year. Utech seconded that motion. Russell voted in disapproval. Motion carried.

Superintendent Ripley presented his monthly report to the Board. The main topic of discussion was the water shortage on July 1. Ripley was asked by several residents outside of public discussion what the solution will be so this doesn't happen in the future. Extensive discussion was held between Ripley, the Board and the public. It was determined that the tower was not able to fill properly because the supply was not adequate for demand on that day. The Board reported they have been in contact with Mid-Dakota Rural Water to increase the water supply to 144,000 gallons per month. The cost to amend the contract will be a one-time fee of \$6,000 and the cost of the additional supply will be a minimum of \$828 per month. The new contract with Mid-Dakota will be available for review at next month's meeting.

Wiseman presented the Treasurer's Report for June, 2021. He reported that we are currently at one-half of the budget year and the projections are proving adequate in most areas with the exception of some large unexpected repairs during the early months of the year. Courtney at Anderson Nill & Associates has submitted financials to the depository bank to increase our monthly ACH limits. We have many more members opting to pay their bills via ACH and is necessitating the need for a larger limit. Utech made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Anderson presented the monthly Accounts Payable to the Board. These include: Anderson Nill & Associates – \$2104.80; Capital Journal - \$13.61; Doug Ripley - \$1966.33; Lammers, Kliebacker - \$76.00; Mid Dakota Rural Water – \$4,640.80; Midcontinent Communications - \$40.38; Oahe Electric - \$702.39; SD Public Health Lab - \$45.00; SD 811 - \$25.20. Wiseman made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Utech seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Superintendent Ripley's announcement of retirement on January 1, 2022. The Board recognized Ripley's 26 years of service to the Water District and how imperative it is to allow the

new hire time to work with Ripley before his retirement. They reviewed the job announcements and authorized Anderson to publish in the local newspapers, on our website, with SDWORKS and with the SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems.

Developers Beck and Petersen presented a status update on their compliance requirements. Discussion was also held in regards to the plans provided by the Blue Acres development and the status of his application process with the County. Utech made a motion to provide a 30-day extension to Beck and Petersen for delays outside of their control and to approve Blue Acres plan pending compliance with the District Ordinances. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wiseman reported on his conversations with Bartlett & West to begin a hydraulic model to help the District identify where the greatest needs are and where they will be in the future. He indicated this will be most helpful when applying for grants to update the system. The estimated cost for this service will be \$16,500. Russell made a motion to approve the contract with Bartlett & West. Utech seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wiseman also updated the Board on the grant process, stating that he has secured a DUNS and SAM registration in order to utilize the federal government's grant system. He has been in contact with SD DANR and Central SD Enhancement District to continue moving forward. The DANR application deadline to get on the State's water plan is October 1.

Anderson notified the Board of the MDRWS Notice of Nomination letter received in the mail. Utech made a motion to table this discussion until July. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Anderson presented to the Board the Addendum to the District Bylaws to include a media policy and contractors' policy as required by the insurance company. Wiseman made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Bylaws. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Utech opened the floor to public comment. Discussions were held regarding the possibility of water restrictions during peak times and who would enforce such restrictions, public notification processes, pond fill, commercial rates versus residential rates and how the Board determined what they will be, and removing the sand trap. Utech thanked all of the members who came to the meeting, stating it is very helpful for the Board to make decisions when they have public input. He encouraged continued attendance.

Being no further business, Utech made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Vic Utech, Chairman

ATTEST:

lennifer Anderson, Clerk