

**Rural Water District #9**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Leavenworth County, Kansas**  
**February 20, 2024**

The Annual meeting of Rural Water District #9 was held on Tuesday February 20, 2024, at the district office located at 20551 Parallel Road, Tonganoxie, Kansas 66086.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erick Lowe, Kim Buchanan, Jim Armstrong, Ed Mullins, Nicole Davis

Manager Karen Armstrong, Operator Wayne Wrosch

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Stacy Myers, Rick Muzzy, Beverly Muzzy, Frank Hurla, Janet Manson, Cathy Crews, Byron McFee, Raymond Reynolds, Tim Smith, Chris Guthrie, and Engineer- Louis Funk. (Craig Lohman-resigned in Jan. and Don Kirby- resigned in Jan.)

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Secretary Kim Buchanan at 19:30 hours
- 2) Proof of Annual Meeting Notice was documented
- 3) The Minutes of February 21, 2023, Annual Meeting were read by Karen Armstrong- District Manager. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Armstrong, seconded by Ed Mullins. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Manager Armstrong reported that the 235<sup>th</sup> St. Line relocation project has started and that the Tonganoxie Rd. widening project agreement was approved by the county. The Tonganoxie Rd. project will need to be completed by June 1, 2024. Manager Armstrong reported that the SRF Loan has been approved by the state and the projects will possibly be put out for bid between April and July 2024. Manager Armstrong also stated that the Lead & Copper Surveys continue to be sent, receiving approximately 30 % of them. Armstrong stated that a follow-up letter will be sent out. Manager Armstrong also spoke about the improvements being made in the district, such as new valve clusters in certain locations so if there is a line break, less customers will be without water for the duration of the repair time.

- 5) Treasurer Ed Mullins presented the Cash Basis Financial statement, the Profit & Loss statement, and the approved 2024 Annual Budget. A motion was made by Jim Armstrong to approve the budget, seconded by Nicole Davis. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) New Business- Stacy Myers asked about the CIP and stated she thinks her bill is going to go up significantly. Stacy Myers has a pasture meter and only pays the minimum charge every month. Stacy Myers also asked why LVRWD9 doesn't just buy Suburban Water instead of spending money to have two new wells drilled. Louis Funk (Engineer) explained the need for the two new wells, and it is cheaper to produce your own water rather than purchase water. Manager Armstrong also explained that the contract with Suburban states they can raise our rates at any time. Stacy Myers was directed by a board member to ask a specific question if she needed clarification or submit them to the manager and she can email her the answers.

Byron McFee asked, when the pumps on the wells are being replaced, is there a strainer being put in? Wayne Wrosch (Operator) stated yes.

- 7) Election of Officers/Board Members- Currently there are two board members up for re-election
  - a. Craig Lohman- Jim Armstrong nominated Craig Lohman for re-election.
  - b. Byron McFee – Janet Manson nominated Byron McFee to oppose Craig Lohman  
A vote was taken on paper that was given to each benefit unit holder in the district. The votes were counted by Manager Armstrong and Kim Buchanan. Craig Lohman won--9 for Craig and 7 for Byron.
  - c. Don Kirby- Ed Mullins nominated Don Kirby for re-election.
  - d. Byron McFee – Frank Hurla nominated Byron McFee to oppose Don Kirby

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8) Door prizes were awarded to the following:

Chris Guthrie- \$20.00

Janet Manson- \$20.00

Ed Mullins- \$30.00

Raymond Reynolds- \$30.00

Nicole Davis- \$50.00

9) A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Armstrong, seconded by Nicole Davis. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 21:10 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Armstrong, District Manager