

## OPENING

Chairman Merritt brought the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. welcoming all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PRESENT

Chairman Harold Merritt  
Mayor Marty Lisonbee  
Board Member Ross Gregerson  
Board Member Denny Bass  
Board Member Jerry Jorgensen

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION

### **1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET, AND SET THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.**

The district board discusses the budget for the upcoming year. The amount of money needed for one year of system maintenance is historically around 3 thousand dollars. Currently staff uses their own tools as the district doesn't have the money to purchase tools at this time. The money allocated for engineering is also discussed. The Engineering budget is at zero and legal fees are at \$3,000. Big Plains currently has an invoice for \$8,000 in engineering cost that will need to be paid this year or next. This invoice is specifically sighting source protection. Every year engineering work is done so it's recommended that they put something (\$1,000 is suggested) in this budget category. In the future the district would like to pass engineering costs on to the buyers and developers so this shouldn't be a problem. Apple Valley well one and two will be up for source protection updates next year. The board discusses water rights and the interlocal agreement. Talk ensues about the possibility of a pipeline and the expenses associated with that. They schedule having the budget amendment at the next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **2. DISCUSSION ON WATER RATES AND THE RECENTLY COMPLETED RCAC RATE STUDY.**

The board discusses the base rate and the RCAC study. Ben gives a quick slide presentation about money in the Districts account. The average amount of cash needed each month is \$36,000. The amount being collected through water sales is about \$18,000. The district brings in about \$5,000 in impact fees per month. This means the district is about \$12,000 negative each month.

The Board discusses the results of Ben's presentation. They give different perspectives on how they should raise the rates. One suggestion is to make a small rate increase this

year. Then watch and see how things fall out next year with the projects that will bring in impact fees. If the situation occurs requiring them to defer a payment how will this impact their ability to put in the pipeline when ready. They conclude that the need for the district to stabilize financially is urgent and the District needs to increase the rate by at least \$20.00 per month.

**MOTION:** Mayor Lisonbee moves to approve the tentative budget with an increase of \$20.00 a month and show a decrease in the expected impact fee requirements.

**SECOND:** Board Member Bass

**VOTE:** Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Board Member Gregerson	Aye
Chairman Merritt	Aye
Mayor Lisonbee	Aye
Board Member Bass	Aye
Board Member Jorgensen	Aye

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Mayor Lisonbee moves to adjourn the meeting

**SECOND:** Board Member Bass

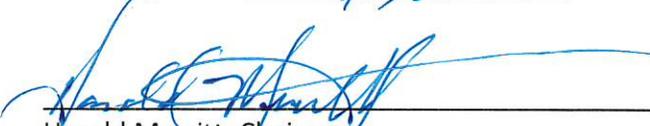
**VOTE:** Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Board Member Gregerson	Aye
Chairman Merritt	Aye
Mayor Lisonbee	Aye
Board Member Bass	Aye
Board Member Jorgensen	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Date approved: 4 Aug 2020

  
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Harold Merritt, Chairman

ATTEST BY: Ben Billingsley

Ben Billingsley, Deputy Recorder