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**North Valley County Water & Sewer District, Inc.
P. O. Box 119, St. Marie, MT 59231
Board Meeting #400
6:00 p.m., Monday, April 17th, 2023, at Town Hall**

Directors in attendance: Chris Helland, DeLee Hustad, Russell Kolpin, Frank Piosos, Carl Millerick (Call-In)

Directors absent: None

Others in attendance: Terry Kolpin, Brad Korang, Renee Tost, Sharon Carlson, Mary Baker, Nick Chiechi, Robert Esaias, Mary-Jean Slaughter, Ann Frost, Alice M. Hawkins, Doris J. Moore, Dan Garabedian, Marv Bethea, Chris Pedersen, Kristy Turner Pedersen

- A.** The meeting was ***called to order*** by Chris Helland, at 6:02 p.m. and the ***public welcomed***.
- B.** Helland noted five (5) Directors were present, providing a ***quorum***.
- C.** ***Proof of notice*** was by posting today's agenda on town hall bulletin board, and on the bulletin board at the Valley County Courthouse.
- D.** Helland asked if there were any ***additions or deletions to the agenda***. Terry Kolpin that the date for the next meeting needed to be updated to 5/15/2023.

Carl Millerick made a motion to add how bills are paid procedure to the agenda. Russ Kolpin seconded. Millerick voted yey, DeLee Hustad, Frank Piosos and Helland voted nay, motion failed.

Nick Chiechi wanted to add audit, jetter part and excavator discussion to the agenda. Directors stated that his comments could be made in the public comments section as he is not a director.

E. Agenda was not asked to be approved by the board.

F. Helland asked the directors to look over the draft meeting minutes for Special Meeting #1, meeting held February 20th and March 20th.

Piocos made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for Special Meeting #1 held on February 5th, 2023. R. Kolpin seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

R. Kolpin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for Meeting # 398, held on February 20th, 2023. Piocos seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Hustad made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for Meeting #399, held on March 20th, 2023. Piocos seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

G. Financial Report: Terry Kolpin read the financial report explaining the income and expenses for March 2023 month end. She also gave the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2023.

H. Operator Report: Rob Esaías gave a report that he's still having issues with the lift station. He and Brad have also been replacing faulty sensors as they come across them. Esaías also said that there's currently a water break on a service line in front of Jeremy Aaberge's house, but that Jeremy has contacted Lee Riddick to fix the problem.

Renee Tost questioned what the meter is. Esaías explained it and where it's located in most homes.

DJ Moore asked how many new monitors would be going in with the upcoming project. She's also upset with her usage and how it's being billed. Helland said that we could set up a meeting with Ms. Moore, Esaías, and T. Kolpin to negotiate bills. Ms. Moore also stated that she was having issues with the online billing page.

I. Old Business:

1. Greg with Great West Engineering gave an update on the status of the construction project. He said that the new meters have been ordered and that we're looking into different options for installation. DEQ finally approved the design of the mainline construction project. On May 18th, there will be a pre-bid conference in Saint Marie and bidding actually opens on June 1st. Greg also answered several questions from the public regarding the new meters and the funding.

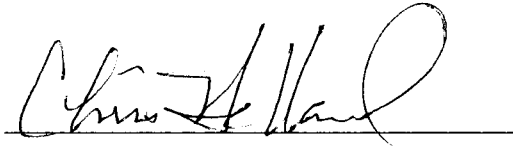
J. Public Comments, Matters, or Concerns: Alice Hawkins asked about the Lead and Copper results from her home being tested last summer.

Nick Chiechi asked about the status of the audit, Helland responded that he has spoken with the auditor and it's still in process. Chiechi asked about contract labor and the dormant line policy, Esaías explained how the process worked. Chiechi then voiced his concerns about selling the excavator as he said that equipment rental is not always available.

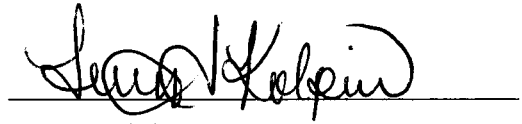
K. Board Comments/Announcements: There were none.

L. Helland announced the next board meeting to be held Monday, May 15th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

M. Helland adjourned the open meeting at 6:55 pm.



Chris Helland
NCVW&SD Board President



Terry Kolpin
Recording Secretary

