

SPECIAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ALL SEASONS WATER USERS DISTRICT
August 27, 2022

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Meeting called to order at 1:30 by President of the All Seasons Water Users District board. The board and staff were introduced.

Dan Schaefer, Manager of All Seasons Water Users District gave his report on the project, along with a Power Point presentation. He then opened the meeting to questions from the attendees. The following are questions asked?

- **Will the equipment be frost-free for the seasonal users?** *Most will be pit meters which are down in the ground and made not to freeze.*
- **Cost and timing?** *The cost right now is a \$200 good intention fee (which will be deducted from the connection fee). The cost will be determined in the next phase of the project. The connection fee will be the same for everybody. The project is estimated to be complete in 2030.*
- **How close to each property will you get and how will you get there?** *The curb stop will be 50-75 feet from your house. The route of the pipeline will be determined in the next phase of the project.*
- **What will prevent Minot from raising the price of NAWS water?** *There will be separate governance on the NAWS Board. We are currently trying to get a voice on that board.*
- **Will the sewer system handle the influx of water?** *Mike Hall, from Lake Metigoshe Rural Service District, was present at the meeting and answered yes.*
- **Can NAWS tell the City of Minot what to do?** *No. We believe Minot to be a partner in this project; but the governing model will be your safeguard.*
- **Will the Public Service Commission have a regulatory authority on prices?** *No. They are not involved in this project.*
- **What is the current connection fee?** *Current connection fee is \$500.00 (2004).*
- **What happens to the fees if the project is not completed?** *The \$200.00 good intention fee is non-refundable. Any connection fee will be refunded. And if you are not served, your connection fee will be refunded.*
- **If you sign up for service for rural water and are not satisfied after a few years, can we disconnect?** *Can discontinue after 5 years.*
- **Is this project different because of the terrain?** *Yes. Trees, lakes, sloughs all play a part in the design of this project.*
- **Will the Minot Water Treatment Plant be able to keep up?** *Yes. The Bottineau County Expansion project was included in the overall design of NAWS.*
- **Will the City of Minot be able to restrict supply?** *No.*
- **What is the advantage for All Seasons Water Users District and our existing customers to do this project?** *It will help stabilize the cost for everyone, including the new area.*
- **Will you need additional staff?** *Yes.*

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- **Is it possible to give us cost projections on this project?** *It is hard to say at this point because of all the different types of hookups there could – rural hookup & lake hookups. The more sign ups the better for the customer’s cost.*
- **How many possible customers on this expansion?** *1560+*
- **Is there restriction from the Core of Engineers?** *Yes. We have a permit, and this has been settled in litigation.*
- **Has the permit for the intake received?** *No. Currently working on the permit.*
- **How did we determine what addresses we mailed the postcards to?** *We used publicly available information and did the best we could.*
- **Can we put the postcard on the website?** *Yes.*
- **There was a statement pointing out that there are people who own land here but do not have a mailing address here that would be interested in this project. So putting information on the website would be beneficial. Also getting the word out to your neighbors who do not live here.**
- **Will the mailing address used on the sign-up sheets be used for further information?** *Yes.*
- **If you sign up and do not use, do you have to pay?** *If there is a curb stop, you will pay for an allotted time.*
- **If you sign up later what happens?** *It will be your cost from our existing line to your house, if the capacity is available at that time.*
- **What is the current policy for seasonal customers?** *No current policy regarding seasonal usage. Whether there will be seasonal rates has not been decided, although our debt for this project will be 12 months out of the year.*
- **There was a statement about the false information being circulated about rural water. There are statements out there regarding an extreme cost for rural water, which is false. We had a current customer provide what his bill currently runs. A family of 2 runs between \$50-\$60.**
- **How many people have wells?** *We do not know.*
- **Would we consider doing a survey to find out how many people have wells?** *No.*
- **Where are we canvassing?** *We are canvassing 5 townships. Dalen, Roland, Homen, Whitteron and Cordelia.*
- **Where will the pipe be run?** *This will be decided later in the project.*
- **Who pays for the damage from the construction process?** *The cost for this is included in the construction contract.*
- **Will pipe be bored in or trenched in?** *Depends on each individual situation.*
- **Will the hook up cost be financed?** *No. The connection fee will not be in the \$5,000-\$10,000 range.*
- **What is the current monthly minimum?** *\$46.00 per month.*
- **When will we know the grant will be received?** *When the feasibility study is completed and the decision is made to go forward with the project we will apply for Pre-Construction funding and once that work is completed we will apply for Construction funding.*
- **How much will the grant be?** *Grants are 75% for projects in rural North Dakota.*
- **Can we lock in the 75% in?** *No. The feasibility study needs to be done.*

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- **If the Lake Metigoshe area does not get rural water will the rural areas get it?** *We would have to look at the cost to see if it would be reasonable to do.*
- **Do we have anyway to notify people that their canvass cards were received at our office?** *We will look into this.*
- **What do we need to do to get the study done?** *\$200.00 sign up.*

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM