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**North Valley County Water & Sewer District, Inc.
P. O. Box 119, St. Marie, MT 59231
Board Meeting #399
6:00 p.m., Monday, March 20th, 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, Jennie Mason, Ian Mason, Marv Bethea, A & D Chaney, Tony Padilla, Sandra Nigh, Julie McGuinness, DeAnn Ketchum

- A.*** The meeting was ***called to order*** by Chris Helland, at 6:03 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 stated that meeting minutes from the previous meetings were not completed yet.
- E.*** Agenda was not asked to be approved by the board.
- F.*** Meeting minutes from previous meeting are not completed yet per T. Kolpin.
- G. Financial Report:*** Terry Kolpin read the financial report explaining the income and expenses for February 2023 month end. She also gave the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2023.

H. Operator Report: Operator absent due to leaving early for water conference due to road conditions.

I. New Business:

1. Helland brought up discussion regarding accessing properties with past due balances. All directors agreed to setting up a special meeting with the lawyer to discuss proper procedures for this.

J. Old Business:

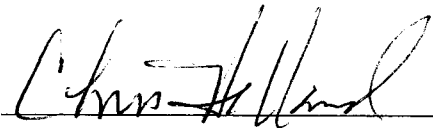
1. Greg from Great West explained that no other meter bids were received during the bidding process, other than from Mikel at Ferguson Enterprises. The price of the meters is currently locked in with the bid. Russ Kolpin made a motion to accept the proposal for the bid on the iPearl Smart Water Meters from Ferguson Enterprises. DeLee Hustad seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.
2. Greg from Great West said that the project design is still waiting for approval from DEQ, but that the deadline is currently coming up.

K. Public Comments, Matters, or Concerns: Julie McGuiness voiced concerns regarding office hours and the availability of staff in the office. She also requested to have wording updated on bill statements and the amounts to be broken out between basic rate and usage charges. Alan and Denice Chaney inquired about the billing amounts and their usage.

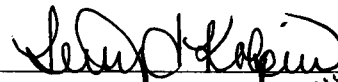
L. Board Comments/Announcements: Carl Millerick inquired about whether all of the District's bank accounts were under the \$250,000 FDIC limits.

M. Helland announced the next board meeting to be held Monday, April 17th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

N. Hustad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. Millerick seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.



Chris Helland
NCVW&SD Board President



Terry Kolpin
Recording Secretary

