

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 20th, 2025 at 7 pm

Present:

Nikki Penniman, Vice President
Rich McLane, Board Member
Bob Ingram, Board Member

Ken Ridgway, Manager
Val Nolan, Secretary
Kevin Cook, Developer
Torri Cook, Developer Assistant

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Nikki Penniman, Vice President. Andrew Williamson and Perry Hofferber had communicated prior to the Board meeting that they would be unable to attend. The meeting was held in the main office at RAE Water District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the July 2025 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the July 2025 minutes was made by Rich McLane and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The treasurer's report for July 2025 was reviewed. Several questions were asked concerning a lift station cleaning bill for Ressler, which is done approximately every two years, and higher than normal bank fees. Val will research the bank fee charge and report back. Also, there was a payment on the bond payable noted from the bond account at First Interstate bank. We did receive the \$40,000 in grant money from MCEP awarded the previous year. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Rich McLane and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The water tank MOU agreement final for review, discussion. It was noted that the previous MOU titled RAE Water & Sewer District Cost Share Memorandum of Understanding and the RAE Water and Sewer District Memorandum of Understanding [Utility Parcel for Water Tower and Wells] are two distinct MOUs. There is no **final** agreement. The previous Cost Share MOU was signed and approved on 09/20/2023. The MOU for the Utility Parcel was discussed and there was a concern for how many EDU's will be approved and the system impact fee calculation in relation to purchase of the land for wells and a water tank. A motion was made by Rich McLane to approve the MOU [Utility Parcel] and subsequently withdrawn. A motion was made by Rich McLane to table the MOU [Utility Parcel]

discussion until the September 2025 meeting. This was seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.

- Final budget review and discussion. The advertising, payroll, payroll expense and services line items in the budget were adjusted to reflect more accurate costs. The total budget number of \$690,240.00 for operating expenses did not change. No other numbers were adjusted.
- R-250820 FY 25/26 budget. A motion was made by Rich McLane to approve R-250820 and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.
- R-250820A Capital Improvements Plan. Discussions were held concerning possible solar panels and whether the return on investment is appropriate and whether paving is necessary and the future costs involved. A motion was made by Rich McLane to approve the R-250820A Capital Improvements Plan and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.
- Further discussion on water storage tank color choices. Ken stated other board members requested to be present for the discussion. It was decided to discuss colors in September.

MANAGERS REPORT: Ken

- Fuel point has been completed.
- DLM contracting is in the process of repairing 3 water line leaks in King Arthur Park. Thus far one has been repaired that caused 20-30 gpm in water leakage. Ken shut of the line to Gareth Way (street in King Arthur) and water production dropped 150 gpm. He and John will continue to identify leaks.
- Rae Well house flow meter has arrived, William’s plumbing will install it on 8/21/25. The meter was installed on 8/20/2025 as they came a day early and Christie Electric will finish the wiring to put it in service this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th, 2025, at 7 p.m. We will meet in the RAE Water District office.

ADJOURN: Rich McLane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. and this was seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.

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