

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Secretary Edith Mastne. Board members present were Henry Schwartz and Peter Grant. Also present were Tom Tye, District engineer, Supt. Vance Hubbard, Ass't Supt. Randy Stark, and Carol Quinn district clerk. There was one visitor present, Gene Hubbard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as printed.

Vice-chairman Bill Finney arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Tye reported on the Arndt contract to cover excavation of the treatment plant site. Weather conditions have made it impossible to complete the project totally as described in the contract. A survey crew is computing the topography of the excavation to check depth and grade. In view of the work completed, Mr. Tye recommended the District authorize a progress payment of \$20,000 to Arndt Construction. One thousand dollars will be subtracted from the bid to cover work that will not be completed by Arndt Construction but that was figured in the original bid amount. The remaining \$5,950.00 for the bid will be authorized for payment if and when the survey crew establishes that the site has been graded and compacted as required. Mr. Grant moved that the progress payment of \$20,000 be authorized. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mr. Tye also reported that bids for the construction of the Water Treatment Plant had been advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce. He has been getting calls from several construction companies. Once the survey information is completed, revised plans and addendums will be sent to all contractors who have ordered specifications. Bid opening will be Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. The Board discussed with him the installation of an automatic float valve, but he believed that at the present time a manual valve would be more feasible.

Mr. Stark presented three health insurance plans that responded to our request for information, Mutual of Omaha, BlueCross/Blue Shield and Special Districts Assn. The Blue Cross Plan would not suit our needs at all. This plan is for small companies that had not previously provided coverage and they receive certain tax credits if they do so now. Their regular group policy requires four employees to qualify for coverage and at this time we only have three. Of the other two plans, Mr. Stark recommended and preferred the Special Dists. Plan through ODS. There are no minimum number of employees required and coverage is better. The premium is a little higher also, but he felt the extra coverage and benefits were worth the additional cost. Mr. Grant moved that the District purchase health insurance from the SDAO. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mr. Hubbard advised the Board of two accounts that were substantially past due. One account, Safranski's, has been very large due to a leak for approximately one year. The Board instructed the District to require the past due portion and make no adjustment for the leak because of the time frame that no repairs have been made. Mr. Duncan advised the Board by letter that he has been out of work for some time and has no money to pay the amount due. The Board advised the District to meet with Mr. Duncan to set up some type of payment schedule and that he not allow the bill to become any larger. He has paid on time for years, until he became unemployed.