

Special Meeting Minutes Ramona Town Board

The Ramona Town Board met Feb 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Ramona Community Building with members Larry Malcomb, Lisa Beyer, and Tony Fischer present. Also present Phil DeCurtins, Doug Riedel, Myron Nagel, Daren Spilde and Heath Thompson from Kingbrook Rural Water.

Meeting was called to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of Ramona's water supply. Heath explained some things about Kingbrook and their contract with the Town of Ramona. There were questions as he went along.

Kingbrook would normally help out for a couple of months and then it would be decided if the town would go with Kingbrook or go by themselves again. The Town has not come to that decision so Kingbrook is asking that we move forward with that. Kingbrook will not leave us. A new 30-day contract will be written and signed until decisions are made. Kingbrook does not provide fire safety. DNR is kept informed on this so that certification is in check for the town.

The well has not been running since the town went with Kingbrook. The town is to have a certified operator running the well. Kingbrook does not mix the two sources of water. The well would have to be maintained for hydrants.

The tower itself is 20 to 25 years old with no circulating pump. With not enough daily usage the water will sometimes freeze. It operates with around 46% – 49% pressure. The tower will be retained if the decision would be to go with Kingbrook. The tower will hold 50,000 gallons and there is around 30,000 gallons right now.

The town of Ramona is not a member of rural water at this time.

Approximately three of five hydrants are not working right now. They may just need to be backwashed.

There are loans, grants and planning grants available for this kind of project.

Oldham went with Kingbrook and had the entire town done and all residences were established as rural water customers.

Water amount in the tower is still a concern for fire safety. Generators were also discussed for the size of the tower.

Things to be discussed: fire protection, cost to individuals, and if residents want to go with Kingbrook.

Motion by Fischer, seconded by Beyer to adjourn.

Lisa Beyer, Board Member
Town of Ramona