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Linn Valley Water Project Status Report

Although slower than I anticipated, there is positive and steady progress on the Linn Valley Water Project and want to share the actions taken, the current status, and our next steps.

First, the projecting, planning, installation, and operation of a city water system in an established community is extremely complex. Usually a city is looking to upgrade, replace, or expand an existing system that was put in during development. From an engineering perspective the Linn Valley project is a new build however with extenuating factors including multiple sources for obtaining water, multiple sources of delivery including metered water from two sources our local water treatment plant (WTP) and (RWD#1), delivery to holding tanks, and self-haul. Additionally our community is growing with 32 new home permits submitted in 2018, which doubles the number of from 2017. Unofficially there are just under 1,000 full-time residents in Linn Valley and if the current population growth continues we will exceed the population of LaCygne in a few years. All of these factors are important for inclusion into the models to project the community's water requirements for today and in the future.

The three potential water suppliers, RWD#1, PWWSD#13, and the city of LaCgyne have verbally expressed interest in providing water to Linn Valley. Each of these entities are conducting internal reviews and data analysis to get an understanding of their operational capabilities to provide the water requested from Linn Valley. They are analyzing changes to their current operations, the cost if changes are needed, and the cost of providing water to Linn Valley. It is challenging because this is a large request and relates back to providing water to an existing community with a large demand vs a new community with a demand will increase incrementally. The good news is there has been and continues to be phone calls, emails, and meetings between the City, the city contracted engineers BG Consultants, and these three entities to work through some potential options.

Our next steps for Linn Valley are as follows. The three potential water source entities are working to provide written responses and BG Consulting is continuing to analyze the data in preparation to complete the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). On February 23 following the Property Owners Association (POA) Annual Meeting a Joint Meeting with the POA Board of Directors and the City Council is scheduled to present the PER to the community. The PER will outline the options available, the pros and cons of each option, and the projected cost of the project. Additional details and information will be shared as we get closer to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on February 23.

Cindy Smith
Mayor
City of Linn Valley