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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) January 10, 2012

BEFORE: Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member  
Monica Girouard, CGA, Member  
Raymond Lafond, CA, Member  
Graham Lane, CA, Chairman

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND  
GREY REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER UTILITY  
WATER AND SEWER RATES - 2011 AND 2012 TO 2014

**Summary**

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) confirms the 2011 sewer utility rates, effective for July 1, 2011, approved on an interim *ex parte* basis for the Rural Municipality of Rhineland (RM) in Order 83/11.

The Board also approves revised water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2012, 2013 and 2014, as noted in the table below, with a varied bulk water rate.

Previous and revised rates:

<b>\$/1,000 gallons (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>January 1, 2012</b>	<b>January 1, 2013</b>	<b>January 1, 2014</b>
Water (W)	\$8.93 (\$1.97)	\$11.75 (\$2.59)	\$12.45 (\$2.74)	\$13.05 (\$2.88)
Sewer (S)	\$4.90 (\$1.10)	\$4.95 (\$1.10)	\$5.00 (\$1.10)	\$5.05 (\$1.11)
Service Charge	\$8.00	\$11.40	\$11.75	\$12.15
Minimum Water	\$34.79 (\$37.55)	\$46.65 (\$50.25)	\$49.10 (\$52.85)	\$51.30 (\$55.35)
Minimum W&S		\$61.50	\$64.10	\$66.45
Bulk Water Treated	\$9.49 (\$2.09)	\$13.13 (\$2.89)	\$13.87 (\$3.05)	\$14.50 (\$3.19)
Bulk Water Untreated	\$7.00	\$10.17 (\$2.24)	\$10.70 (\$2.35)	\$11.16 (\$2.45)
Tipping Fees per 100 gallons	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$6.00

\*includes 3,000 gallons (15 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Introduction**

Prior to the current application, the rates were last reviewed by the Board in 2003; since then, the only increases that have been implemented were to reflect the cost of water purchased from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC).

The RM applied to the Board in June 2011 for revised rates. Though it had not completed its detailed review of the application, the Board determined that it would grant interim *ex parte* approval for the RM's 2011 requested initial sewer rate effective July 1, 2011. Pending completion of the review, interim approvals are subject to change once the Board's process is complete.

The other requested rates were not approved at that time pending further review of the application by the Board, and responses to a series of questions posed to the RM.

Board hearings may be conducted orally, where a public meeting is convened, or may be done through a paper based process, where written submissions are reviewed and a decision reached.

With this application, the Board determined to use a paper based public review process.

The Notice of Application for the rate revision was published in the local papers in October 2011. The notice invited customers of the utility to file written expressions of concern or objections directly to the Board. No responses were filed with the Board.

### **Background**

The utility services a total of 672 customers.

The RM owns and operates several independent water distribution networks and all (except Old Altona and Plum Coulee) purchase

treated water supply from PVWC. The water distribution networks are operated as a single utility and known as the GNS (191 customers), Old Altona (35 customers), Plum Coulee (104 customers), Rosenfeld & Rural North (134 customers), Southwest (158 customers) and Gnadenthal Water Co-op (50 customers).

The Town of Altona (Altona) provides water to the customers of Old Altona and the Town of Plum Coulee serves the Plum Coulee customers.

The water distribution systems, partly made of PVC, were installed in the mid to late 1970's with most of the system being installed in the late 1980's into the 1990's. The system has five reservoirs and pumping stations. The RM provides re-chlorination.

Unaccounted for water is reported to be between 5 and 12% of water purchased, within the 10% standard for water systems in Manitoba.

Operator certifications meet the current requirements.

The RM reports it is in compliance with the terms and conditions of its Operating Licence, and Drinking Water Standards except for trihalomethanes (THM). The reduction of THM's will need to be examined by the PVWC.

The RM provides lagoon services to residents via an arrangement with Altona for use of Altona's lagoon. Altona and the RM shared the capital costs of the lagoon and the RM pays Altona \$30,000 annually for its share of the operating costs. This payment is

made through a combination of \$10,000 collected from haulers and the remainder from the general operations of the RM (tax levy).

The RM advises the Town of Altona is examining the decommissioning of the lagoon's existing secondary storage cell and the construction of a new secondary cell in 2012. Costs are estimated at \$3.5 million; the Town is in discussion with the RM regarding cost sharing arrangements.

The RM also owns and operates a small sewer collection system constructed in 2010, serving 12 customers in Old Altona. This low pressure system is connected to the shared lagoon. There are no lift stations; the lines are poly.

### **Application**

The RM applied for revised water and sewer rates, as set out in By-law No. 2011-03. The application was supported by a rate study prepared on behalf of the RM by its consultant, G. Barron.

The rates proposed by the RM were expected to generate sufficient annual revenue to recover the following projected annual expenses:

	Projected Expenses	
	2012	2013
<b>General</b>		
Expenses	\$32,646	\$ 33,625
Less Revenues	(2,000)	(2,000)
<b>General Revenue Requirements</b>	<b>\$30,646</b>	<b>\$31,625</b>
<b>Water</b>		
Expenses	\$523,240	\$538,937
Amortization*	56,271	56,271
Reserves/Contingency	45,800	45,800
Minor Capital	5,150	5,305
Less Revenues	(2,510)	(2,572)
<b>Water Revenue Requirements</b>	<b>\$627,951</b>	<b>\$643,741</b>
<b>Sewer</b>		
Expenses	\$33,475	\$34,479
Amortization*	5,395	5,395
Reserves/Contingency	1,620	1,620
Less Revenues	(10,609)	(10,930)
<b>Sewer Revenue Requirements</b>	<b>\$29,881</b>	<b>\$30,565</b>

\*The RM notes these are the net amortization expense to be collected in rates

The sewer rate for the low pressure sewer system has been calculated based on operating costs in 2012 of \$2,577 (+ 3% in 2013) + amortization + contingency for total expenses of:

2012	\$9,590
2013	\$9,666

The sewer rate includes the costs for an annual pump out for each customer connected to the system.

The rates calculated in the rate study (RS) are as follows:

<b>\$/1,000 gallons (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>RS 2012</b>	<b>RS 2013</b>
Water (W)	\$8.93 (\$1.97)	\$12.20 (\$2.70)	\$12.50 (\$2.75)
Sewer (S)	-	\$4.95 (\$1.10)	\$5.00 (\$1.10)
Service Charge	\$8.00	\$11.25	\$11.25
Minimum Water	\$34.79 (\$37.55)	\$47.85 (\$51.75)	\$48.75 (\$52.50)
Minimum W&S	-	\$62.70	\$63.75
Bulk Treated	\$9.49 (\$2.09)	\$12.75 (\$2.80)	\$13.05 (\$2.90)
Bulk Untreated	\$7.00	\$9.40	\$9.60
Tipping Fees per 100 gallons	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$6.00

\*includes 3,000 gallons (15 m<sup>3</sup>)

The rates applied for by the RM, are noted below:

<b>\$/1,000 gallons (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>RM 2012</b>	<b>RM 2013</b>	<b>RM 2014</b>
Water (W)	\$8.93 (\$1.97)	\$11.75 (\$2.59)	\$12.45 (\$2.74)	\$13.05 (\$2.88)
Sewer (S)	\$4.90 (\$1.10)	\$4.95 (\$1.10)	\$5.00 (\$1.10)	\$5.05
Service Charge	\$8.00	\$11.40	\$11.75	\$12.15
Minimum Water	\$34.79 (\$37.55)	\$46.65 (\$50.25)	\$49.10 (\$52.85)	\$51.30 (\$55.35)
Minimum W&S		\$61.50	\$64.10	\$66.45
Bulk Treated	\$9.49 (\$2.09)	\$12.30 (\$2.71)	\$13.00 (\$2.86)	\$13.60 (\$3.00)
Bulk Untreated	\$7.00	\$9.10 (\$2.01)	\$9.60 (\$2.12)	\$10.05 (\$2.22)
Tipping Fees per 100 gallons	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$6.00

\*includes 3,000 gallons (15 m<sup>3</sup>)

The RM reports a cash surplus of the utility as of December 31, 2010 of \$163,359 and a reserve balance of \$267,928.

The utility's assets have a historical capital value as of December 31, 2009 of \$6,104,169 as noted on the 2009 audited financial statements. The utility ended the year with a \$40,709 surplus.

The RM reports a \$9,077 utility deficit in 2010; however, the 2010 audited financial statements have not been filed.

The RM plans to expand or construct a new reservoir in 2011 at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million; the RM's 50% will be financed through reserve fund and borrowing. The planned \$400,000 low pressure sewer extension (2011) is to be funded through debentures.

The RM provides water services to seven customers outside its boundaries. The RM charges these customers the same water commodity rates as those charged to the residents within the RM. No surcharge is assessed to these customers for capital related costs associated with the utility and collected on taxes.

The RM's cost allocation policy is based the following:

Quarterly Costs - 45 hours administration time; actual costs of postage and billing.

Monthly Costs - 12 hours accounting; 5 hours Chief Administrative Officer; 1 hour for review by finance committee.

Annual Costs - 1 hour council; actual costs of software; 12.4% costs of other software, computer, office, audit.

Shared public works costs will be allocated based on actual time spent.

### **Board Findings**

The Board thanks the RM for its effort and all the work put into ensuring the Board has a clear understanding of the utility services provided given the complex networks of water supply and wastewater collection in the RM.

The Board will confirm the sewer rate approved on an interim *ex parte* basis for July 1, 2011, and will also approve the requested rates, those to be phased in to 2014. The Board will vary the bulk water rates, however, to those rates calculated consistent with Board guidelines.

The Board understands that the higher rates are largely due to increased operating expenses, including the introduction of amortization expenses as required by generally accepted accounting principles, not used in municipal accounting practices in Manitoba prior to 2009.

The Board also notes a more accurate and fair sharing of joint costs between the RM's General Operations and its Utility with respect to administrative costs. The Board will therefore approve the cost allocation methodology proposed by the RM. The Board notes that future changes to this methodology will require Board approval.

The Board finds the anticipated expenses of the utility to be reasonable.

The Board notes the \$9,077 deficit reported in the utility in 2010, proposed to be recovered through the utility's surplus. As deficits below \$10,000 (see Order 151/08) do not require Board approval, the Board will acknowledge and accept the RM's method to address its recovery.

If the 2010 audited financial statements reflect a deficit different than the amount reported and greater than \$10,000, the

Board will expect an application to address its recovery will be made.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Rural Municipality of Rhineland's application for revised water and sewer utility rates BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED on a final basis, as amended.
2. The Rural Municipality of Rhineland prepare and file a copy of a by-law to be consistent with this order (once it has received third and final reading) with the Public Utilities Board.
3. The interim sewer rate as approved by Order 83/11 for the Rural Municipality of Rhineland, effective July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 ARE HEREBY CONFIRMED AS FINAL.
4. The Rural Municipality of Rhineland review its revenue requirements for its utility following 2013, and file a report with the Public Utilities Board as to the continued adequacy of rates, by no later than June 30, 2014.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$500.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE, CA"  
Chairman

"KRISTINE SHIELDS"  
Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No.  
3/12 issued by The Public Utilities  
Board

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Acting Secretary

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**TO BOARD ORDER NO. 3/12**

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND**

**WATER AND SEWER RATES**

**SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:**

**1. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2012)**

	<u>Water</u>
All Water Consumption - Rhineland Water Utility	11.75
Low Pressure Sewer Charges - Rhineland Sewer Utility	4.95

**2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly**

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water and/or sewer allowances indicated:

Rhineland Water Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$11.40	\$ 35.25	\$ 46.65
3/4"	2	6,000	\$11.40	\$ 70.50	\$ 81.90
1"	4	12,000	\$11.40	\$141.00	\$151.40
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$11.40	\$352.50	\$363.90
2"	25	75,000	\$11.40	\$881.25	\$892.65

Rhineland Water & Sewer Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Sewer</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$11.40	\$ 35.25	\$ 14.85	\$ 61.50
3/4"	2	6,000	\$11.40	\$ 70.50	\$ 29.70	\$111.60
1"	4	12,000	\$11.40	\$141.00	\$ 59.40	\$211.80
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$11.40	\$352.50	\$148.50	\$512.40
2"	25	75,000	\$11.40	\$881.25	\$371.25	\$1,263.90

**3. Commodity Rates per cubic meter (Effective January 1, 2012)**

	<u>Water</u>
All Water Consumption - Rhineland Water Utility	2.59

**4. Minimum Charges, Quarterly**

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 3 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

Rhineland Water Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Cubic Meters</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	15	\$11.40	\$ 38.85	\$ 50.25
3/4"	2	30	\$11.40	\$ 77.70	\$ 89.10
1"	4	60	\$11.40	\$155.40	\$166.80
1 1/2"	10	150	\$11.40	\$388.50	\$399.90
2"	25	375	\$11.40	\$971.25	\$982.65

**5. Commodity Rates per 11000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2013)**

	<u>Water</u>
All Water Consumption - Rhineland Water Utility	12.45
Low Pressure Sewer Charges - Rhineland Sewer Utility	5.00

**6. Minimum Charges, Quarterly**

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 5 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water and/or sewer allowances indicated:

Rhineland Water Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$11.75	\$ 37.35	\$ 49.10
3/4"	2	6,000	\$11.75	\$ 74.70	\$ 86.45
1"	4	12,000	\$11.75	\$149.40	\$161.15
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$11.75	\$373.50	\$385.25
2"	25	75,000	\$11.75	\$933.75	\$945.50

Rhineland Water & Sewer Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Sewer</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$11.75	\$ 37.35	\$ 15.00	\$ 64.10
3/4"	2	6,000	\$11.75	\$ 74.70	\$ 30.00	\$116.45
1"	4	12,000	\$11.75	\$149.40	\$ 60.00	\$221.15
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$11.75	\$373.50	\$150.00	\$535.25
2"	25	75,000	\$11.75	\$933.75	\$375.00	\$1,320.50

**7. Commodity Rates per cubic meter (Effective January 1, 2013)**

All Water Consumption - Rhineland Water Utility Water  
2.74

**8. Minimum Charges, Quarterly**

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 7 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

Rhineland Water Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Cubic Meters</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	15	\$11.75	\$ 41.10	\$ 52.85
3/4"	2	30	\$11.75	\$ 82.20	\$ 93.95
1"	4	60	\$11.75	\$164.40	\$176.15
1 1/2"	10	150	\$11.75	\$411.00	\$422.75
2"	25	375	\$11.75	\$1,027.50	\$1,039.25

**9. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2014)**

	<u>Water</u>
All Water Consumption - Rhineland Water Utility	13.05
Low Pressure Sewer Charges - Rhineland Sewer Utility	5.05

**10. Minimum Charges, Quarterly**

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 9 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water and/or sewer allowances indicated:

Rhineland Water Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$12.15	\$ 39.15	\$ 51.30
3/4"	2	6,000	\$12.15	\$ 78.30	\$ 90.45
1"	4	12,000	\$12.15	\$156.60	\$168.75
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$12.15	\$391.50	\$403.65
2"	25	75,000	\$12.15	\$978.75	\$990.90

Rhineland Water & Sewer Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Sewer</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$12.15	\$ 39.15	\$ 15.15	\$ 66.45
3/4"	2	6,000	\$12.15	\$ 78.30	\$ 30.30	\$120.75
1"	4	12,000	\$12.15	\$156.60	\$ 60.60	\$229.35
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$12.15	\$391.50	\$151.50	\$555.15
2"	25	75,000	\$12.15	\$978.75	\$378.75	\$1,369.65

**11. Commodity Rates per cubic meter (Effective January 1, 2014)**

	<u>Water</u>
All Water Consumption - Rhineland Water Utility	2.88

**12. Minimum Charges, Quarterly**

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 11 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

Rhineland Water Utility Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Cubic Meters</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	15	\$12.15	\$ 43.20	\$ 55.35
3/4"	2	30	\$12.15	\$ 86.40	\$ 98.55
1"	4	60	\$12.15	\$172.80	\$184.95
1 1/2"	10	150	\$12.15	\$432.00	\$444.15
2"	25	375	\$12.15	\$1,080.00	\$1,092.15

**13. Bulk Water Sales - Treated**

All water sold in bulk at the Rhineland Water Utility Bulk Loading Stations shall be charged at the following rates:

- January 1st to December 31st, 2012 - \$13.13 per 1,000 gallons or \$2.89 per cubic meter
- January 1st to December 31st, 2013 - \$13.87 per 1,000 gallons or \$3.05 per cubic meter
- January 1st to December 31st, 2014 - \$14.50 per 1,000 gallons or \$3.19 per cubic meter

**14. Bulk Water Sales-Untreated**

All untreated water sold in bulk at the Rhineland Water Utility Bulk Loading Station located in Gnadenthal shall be charged at the following rates:

- January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 - \$10.17 per 1,000 gallons or \$2.24 per cubic meter
- January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 - \$10.70 per 1,000 gallons or \$2.35 per cubic meter
- January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 - \$11.16 per 1,000 gallons or \$2.45 per cubic meter

**15. Septic Dumping Fees - Altona Lagoon**

All septic dumped at the Altona Lagoon shall be charged at the following rates:

- Effective January 1, 2012 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at a rate of \$5.50 per 100 gallons
- Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at a rate of \$6.00 per 100 gallons

**16. Surcharges for Services beyond the Municipality's Boundaries**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Rhineland may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Rhineland. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

**17. Quarterly Meter Reading**

All customers shall complete and submit a quarterly meter reading by the end of the month in which a card is mailed. Failure by any customer to complete and submit the card, submit the water meter reading on the Municipality's website, or phone in the water meter reading to the Municipal office by the due date, will result in a phone call from Municipal Administration Staff to obtain a current reading. If a current reading cannot be obtained, an estimate for the water consumption for that customer for the specified quarter will be made. The estimate shall be based on the average consumption per quarter in the previous year, or in the case of a new customer the estimate shall be based on the average quarterly residential consumption. All such phone calls and/or estimated readings shall be subject to a \$15.00 administration fee. The fee may be waived in the case of a physical disability and/or extended leave from the community.

**18. Billings & Penalties**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and shall be due and payable 30 days after date of billing. A penalty of 1¼% per month of the amount of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date.

**19. Disconnection**

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the Municipality with respect to the disconnection of service for non-payment including, such matters, as notice and the right to appeal such action to the Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the Municipality's office. See Public Utilities Board Order No. 127/08 and Order No. 39/09.

**20. Reconnection**

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$75.00 have been paid.

**21. Service Interruption**

Any service interrupted for due to repairs and maintenance requirements are subject to the following fees:

- Curb Stop Turn Off or Turn On \$25.00 per incident
- Curb Stop Turn Off & Removal of Meter \$40.00 per incident
- Re-installation of Meter & Curb Stop Turn On \$40.00 per incident

**22. Outstanding Bills**

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

**23. Hydrant Rentals**

The Rural Municipality of Rhineland will pay to the utility from funds of the Local Urban District of Rosenfeld an annual rental of \$150.00 for each hydrant connected to the system.

**24. Water Allowances Due to Line Freezing**

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the

charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.