

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
June 27, 2023
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks
Tony Parr

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Marty Johnson, COO
Jill Rickman, CHRO
Mark Bryant, Councilman
Dennis Pelts, Councilman

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Terry McVey, City Attorney
Lisa Dry, Councilwoman
James Waynick, Councilman
Victor Mode, Code Enforcer
Melissa Combs, DCEDD

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order. Mr. Robertson presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The June 15, 2023 meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Old Business-Mr. Robertson asked the Board to make a decision on how to proceed with the Frey Farms legal suit. Mr. Sparks made a motion to proceed to trial. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Melissa Combs, Dunklin County Economic Development Director, provided a presentation on the goals of her office and the role CLGW will play in economic development projects.

Chief Operating Officer Updates:

Mr. Johnson informed that bids for the Commercial Street line will be opened on July 6th. Following this, the information will be sent to MDNR for review and approval.

Southwestern Power Authority issued a warning for Thursday and Friday, noting that less wind is projected to be available. The CLGW Power Plant is prepared to run if called on.

The Gas Department is making an application for a PHMSA grant and finishing up the annual leak survey. Mr. Johnson noted that no major leaks have been discovered thus far.

The natural gas and power prices were shared.

A CLGW truck was involved in a motor vehicle accident yesterday. The employee suffered moderate injuries.

Chief Executive Officer Updates:

Water Treatment-Bids for well drilling will be opened on July 5th.

Generation-A presentation on solar generation will be made at the next board meeting by Evergy.

Customer Service-Software demonstrations continue and will have a recommendation to the Board soon.

Management is researching a new rate for commercial-industrial customers that will reward them for using ACH payments.

Personnel-Mr. Chitester asked the Board for permission to pay the wages of two CLGW employees that serve as part-time fire fighters for the City of Kennett. Mr. Parr, Ms. Rickman, and Ms. Dennis shared concerns.

Mayor Crafton noted that a short-term fix to funding part-time fire fighters has been found.

Miscellaneous general:

Occupancy Permit Ordinance-Mr. Chitester asked Victor Mode, City of Kennett Code Enforcement Officer, how CLGW can assist in cleaning up Kennett. [Ms. Dennis had to exit the meeting at this point.] A discussion of Occupancy Permit Ordinance options was held. The Board instructed Mr. Chitester to submit a plan for consideration.

Capital Improvement Tax-Mr. Chitester noted that he had requested Councilwoman Lisa Dry to come educate employees on the Capital Improvement Tax on the ballot in August. Ms. Dry noted that she and Mayor Crafton

are planning to provide the education together. Ms. Dry stated that a committee for the fundraising has been established and the Treasurer is John Moyer.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 11:30 am.**

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary