

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
March 14, 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  
Bob Green, retired board member  
Scott Hunter, Councilman  
James Waynick, Councilman  
Chancellor Wayne, Mayor

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Chitester presented a plaque to Mr. Green thanking him for over 12 years of service on the Board of Public Works.

The February 28, 2023 open and closed meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The February 2023 expenditures were presented. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Ms. Dennis presented information on the municipal insurance bids received. During the discussion, Mr. Baker and Ms. Rickman excused themselves from the room and discussion due to conflicts of interest due to representation of the two bid providers. Ms. Dennis recommended the company stay with Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association. Mr. Sparks made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sparks, and Mr. Parr were in favor. Mr. Baker abstained from the vote.

Chief Operating Officer Updates:

Gas usage was less than expected in January and February. We have a good supply of gas in storage. The accelerator is still having issues that crews are working on. The Internet Department is installing Vectra, a cyber security program. This is part of a cyber security grant that we received. The wastewater testing is being reduced after completion of mediation with the engineering firm. The Power Plant will be doing maintenance runs on Thursday and Friday this week.

Chief Executive Officer Updates:

Water-DNR should have the well test site results soon. Engineers will be here later this week to survey the water line extension on Commercial Street and the line extension from the Water Plant to the ground storage tank. The fire hydrant ordinance giving CLGW the responsibility to test and maintain is to be voted on at the next City Council meeting.

Gas-Mr. Chitester is working with the Fire Chief and 9-1-1 dispatch to have CLGW respond to any gas leak calls. Right now, CLGW only knows if they hear it over the radio.

Water Treatment-Mr. Chitester and Mr. Johnson were able to tour Sikeston's new water treatment plant. The cost for their plant was around \$13M pre-covid. Mr. Chitester anticipates a similar cost for CLGW's proposed new plant.

Mediation with Bartlett & West will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Chitester shared an email from the attorney representing CLGW. Mr. Sparks made a motion to allow the attorney to settle in mediation for up to the balance due. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 11:30 am.**

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

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Randy Baker

Secretary