

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
April 23, 2024
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Tony Parr
Town Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Jill Rickman, CHRO
Marty Johnson, COO

Dennis Pelts, Councilman

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

The April 2, 2024 meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The February 2024 preliminary financials were presented. No action was required.

The March 2024 expenditures were presented. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer:

Power Plant-Crews will be doing maintenance runs this week.

Water/Sewer-Crews are finishing making connections on Commercial Street.

Safety-MIRMA will be here for their quarterly visit this week.

Gas-The PHMSA grant for transmission line replacement was approved but we do not know the amount yet.

Chief Executive Officer:

Economic Development-Mr. Chitester met with Melissa Combs, Director of Economic Development for Dunklin County. With Ms. Combs' input, a job creation utility rebate incentive has been created with specific eligibility requirements focused on job creation. Money for the utility rebate incentive will be budgeted each year. Mr. Chitester asked if the Board would budget money for a hospital feasibility study. Mr. Robertson stated that he would be in favor of assisting with a feasibility study, he asks that it be coordinated with other parties currently pursuing a hospital for Kennett. Mr. Pelts notes that he is aware of work being done by Senator Jason Bean and Representative Jason Smith on Kennett's behalf.

DAEOC-KBPW will no longer figure customer parts of the utility bill for those seeking DAEOC assistance. Customers will have to contact DAEOC for that information.

Water Treatment-The new facility plan is 70% complete. The grant for the lagoon is being applied for. The new capital improvement fee to raise funds to pay for the new water treatment facility has a maximum fee of \$35 and the fee will be on utility bills until the water treatment facility is paid for.

Frey Farms-No update was available.

Sanitation-The transfer station plans are expected to be 90% complete in May. On May 6-8, staff will be attending the Waste Expo conference. Staff are also working with the City on roll-off. Trucks will be ordered this summer.

Pemiscot-Dunklin Agreement-The territorial agreement with Pemiscot-Dunklin is complete.

Solar Loan-The Board will have to go to the Council to get approval for the loan for the solar project.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be May 21, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary