

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
June 4, 2024
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Tony Parr
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

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

Dennis Pelts, Councilman
Jake Crafton, Mayor
Randy Carter, Councilman
Steve Panousis, Councilman

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order and 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 May 21, 2024 open and closed session meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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

The providers for employee health and wellness insurance were recommended by Ms. Dennis. They are Anthem, Sunlife, AFLAC, Globe Life Liberty National, and Sonus Benefits. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the providers as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Ms. Rickman shared a correction to the proposed Mutual Aid policy that was emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. The corrected version of the Mutual Aid policy was presented with updates for approval. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve all policies presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer:

Electric-Four Lineman responded to a mutual aid request in Sikeston. Work continues on the reconductoring for the solar generation. The warranty has been extended on the new bucket truck due to all the problems since we received it.

Gas-The leak survey is 50% complete. Twelve (12) leaks have been found.

Power Plant-As the temperature increases the demand and pricing for generation increases. Crews will have their first price related generation run of the summer today.

Water/Sewer-Crews are still flushing and inspecting fire hydrants. We tried to coordinate street repairs with the Street Department, to get asphalt here at the same time. However, the Street Department did not have plans to have their work done for several more months. So our crews are repairing their street breaks with concrete now.

IT-The cybersecurity grant has been submitted.

Water Treatment-The lagoon is working well in the warmer temperatures.

Safety-The truck that was involved in a motor vehicle accident in May is having repair estimates for insurance adjusters.

Purchasing-Five (5) items are being auctioned online this month.

Chief Executive Officer:

Budgets-FY25 Budgets will be presented at the next board meeting.

Engineer- Engineering reports are close to being finished for the Transfer Station and Water Treatment Plant.

Grants-The grant winner announcement for the submission for the Water Treatment Plant has been pushed back to later in the summer.

Frey Farms-Will attend court on June 12th for a trial date to be set.

Territorial Agreement-Pemiscot Dunklin Electric Cooperative has signed the territorial agreement. This is now complete.

Property Acquisition-The building behind the IT barn is for sale. The Board would be interested if the price was low enough to tear it down. A building in the industrial park is rumored to be available for purchase. Mr. Chitester noted that this would be a prime location for the sanitation truck warehouse. The Board would be interested in the price and would recommend a title search. Mayor Crafton suggested the Compress as possible sanitation warehouse. The house on the corner of 5th and Anthony streets may also be coming available for purchase soon and Mr. Chitester will inquire on the pricing.

Miscellaneous general:

Councilman Pelts shares concerns about the location of the transfer station from the Police Chief. He also asked if there is higher calcium in the water. Mr. Johnson noted that we no longer add lime and that with flushing of the hydrants that may be contributing to the problem as well. Mr. Pelts also asked for a technical explanation of demand charges. A discussion and explanation was then held.

The next meeting will be June 18, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary