

KEOKUK MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 25, 2022

Present: Chairman Boyd, Trustees Crenshaw, Hickey, and Long.

The public was invited to attend the Google Meeting by phone, computer or smart phone, as the office was closed due to COVID-19.

This is the time and place for a public hearing for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment. Chairman Boyd opened the public hearing and asked if there were any written or oral comments or objections. There being none, motion was made by Trustee Long and seconded by Trustee Hickey, that the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting be opened.

Chairman Boyd opened the regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Long and seconded by Trustee Crenshaw, that the minutes from the previous meeting of April 20, 2022, be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Vouchers were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Maddox presented the Board with monthly charts and informed the Board of the work that has been done around the Plant. The Miox units are doing well, but we need to check the voltage between the cell and the screen to make sure that they are in sync. The Membranes are running well. Some fibers have been pinned on a few of the skids and it was found that we have a potting issue on one of the new skids where it is separated at the PVC. The river stage has been staying around the 10ft. range which isn't bad for this time of the year. The Poly and Fluoride systems will have testing done on them and a member from the IDNR Field Office 6 will be doing an inspection on the system. There are no safety issues to report this month.

Mr. Johnston presented the Board with monthly charts showing locates, service calls, meter installations, meters not sending out a read and water main breaks. This last month we had an increase in locates and service calls. There are plans to update the GIS software. A consultant was contacted and gave a quote to update the software. There are no safety issues to report this month.

Mr. Bogner discussed the budget amendment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The following resolution was adopted, RES. #1155, the Amended Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as set forth in the Adopted Budget Summary and in the detailed budget in support thereof showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for said fiscal year in accordance with the summary and detail, is adopted. Moved by Trustee Hickey Seconded by Trustee Long. Motion carried.

Ms. Barnes discussed monthly financials, budget, operating expenses, and water sales to date.

Mr. Bogner discussed auditors for the fiscal year audit of 2022. We will evaluate this year's audit to determine if we choose to use a different firm for next year's audit.

There were no safety issues to discuss for the month of April. Mr. Bogner discussed changing the billing measurements from units to gallons. The following resolution was adopted, RES. #1156, the board hereby approves the meter reading change from units to gallons. Moved by Trustee Hickey and Seconded by Trustee Crenshaw. Motion carried.

Mr. Bogner presented the Board with the current bill payment process and late notices. It is under consideration that regular billing statements will state, “payment is due upon receipt of bill, and will be considered late on the 6th” more clearly for consumer knowledge. It is also under consideration to give more notice to those consumers who are due to be disconnected via text message. Increasing the late penalty was also discussed as form of getting customers to pay their bills on time.

Mr. Bogner discussed an anticipated rate increase. An actual rate increase is to be determined after a strategic planning meeting.

Mr. Bogner shared with the Board his tentative capital spend over the next 10 years for large capital items. This strategic plan excludes ongoing self-funded capital and increasing reserves. Mr. Bogner has begun discussions regarding financing to see what is available as well as looking into potential funding for disadvantaged communities.

Mr. Bogner discussed employee wages with the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on June 22, 2022, at 2:30 P.M. For participation by phone or computer, instructions will be included on the agenda located on our website:

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ATTEST: _____
David Bogner, Secretary

Kimberly Boyd, Chairman