

KEOKUK MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 24, 2022

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

Chairman Boyd opened the regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Hickey and seconded by Trustee Crenshaw, that the minutes from the previous meeting of July 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. Mr. Maddox discussed that usage was higher than last month. The Miox units are doing well, with the exception of cell number three which is having problems balancing. The Membranes are running well, skids number seven, eight, and nine are completely operational now. The liquid fluoride and the poly have been delivered, the plant is wanting to use the leftover powder before switching. There are no safety issues to report this month.

The Board was presented with monthly charts showing locates, service calls, meter installations, meters not sending out a read and water main breaks. This last month there was an increase on the number of meter installations and a decrease on the number of service calls. The Distribution shop is currently working on returning the Badger Meters, the current plan is to replace the batteries in the meters as they go out and possibly order Sensus Meters as the need arises. Mr. Johnston shared that they are almost done laying down asphalt for patching where there were leaks and hope to start replacing the 2" water main around town soon. Mr. Johnston also informed the Board that there will be a boiler inspection next month. There are no safety issues to report this month.

Ms. Barnes discussed monthly financials, budget, operating expenses, and water sales to date. Chemical prices went up last month. Industrial water consumption was also up last month. Ms. Barnes discussed with the Board the unbilled water usage for the City of Keokuk. Ms. Barnes shared with the Board letters that Menke and Associates and CPA Associates will be merging.

Mr. Bogner spoke with the Board about Octave meters and their digital meter reading. Mr. Bogner discussed that the Coast Guard has been overbilled. Mr. Bogner is currently looking for the best way to correct this situation.

Mr. Bogner discussed the plan to make changes to the old plant and move fiber to the new plant. Once everything is settled at the new plant they will replace the server. After the servers have been relocated the phone systems will get an upgrade.

The Board discussed the General Managers annual salary increase and agreed that the following resolution be adopted RES. #1159, that the Board hereby approves a salary increase of \$2,400 for the General Manager, retroactive July 1, 2022. Moved by Trustee Hickey and seconded by Trustee Crenshaw. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed the need for Board Members and the plan for identifying candidates.

The Board agreed to have a strategic plan review over the next 4 to 5 months by extending the Board Meetings. The Waterworks will be sending out notifications to industrial users regarding a rate increase to take place January 2023. With further discussion, the Board plans to move on this motion at the next Board Meeting with the review of a 5 year capital improvement plan.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on September 21, 2022, at 2:30 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
David Bogner, Secretary

Kimberly Boyd, Chairman