

KEOKUK MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WATERWORKS OFFICE

Present: Chairman Pro-Tem Hickey, Trustees Long, Crenshaw, and Peyton.

Chairman Pro-Tem Hickey opened the regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Peyton and seconded by Trustee Long, that the minutes from the previous meeting of May 24, 2023, 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. They are finishing painting the screen house and are close to being finished with the handrail, then they will start painting in the Plant. Lead and copper samples have been sent to IDNR. Results should be sent back soon. The river levels are around 3 to 4'. There are no safety issues to report.

Mr. Bogner presented the Board with monthly charts showing locates, service calls, meter installations, meters not sending out a read and water main breaks. Mr. Bogner informed the Board that the 2" Water Main Replacement Project is almost finished and the Bone Yard is cleaned out. Mr. Bogner also informed the Board that there are fewer meters failing now that the Ramar meters are being switched out. There are no safety issues to report this month.

Ms. Barnes discussed monthly financials, budget, operating expenses, and water sales to date. Mrs. Barnes informed the Board that an employee had given their letter of resignation and we would be seeking applicants through Taske Force in the upcoming months.

Mr. Bogner spoke with the Board about taking precautionary action with the PFAS lawsuit. Mr. Bogner reviewed two law firms. After some discussion, the following resolution was adopted: RES. #1180, the Board hereby authorizes approval of a legal services agreement with SL Environmental Law Group PC, to represent the Waterworks in civil actions for potential damages due to PFAS contamination of its drinking water supply. Moved by Trustee Crenshaw and seconded by Trustee Peyton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bogner discussed the request that was made by the Keokuk Economic Development Corporation that the Keokuk Municipal Waterworks continue to support their mission to address the housing crisis in Keokuk through the Housing Initiative program, the Elkem property development, and managing the Southeast Iowa Development Center. The following resolution was adopted: RES. #1181, the Board hereby approves the donation of \$10,000 to satisfy the request of the Keokuk Economic Development Corporation in support of industrial development for the fiscal year of 2022-2023. Moved by Trustee Long and seconded by Trustee Crenshaw. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bogner discussed the cash flow forecast and the capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year with the Board. Mr. Bogner also spoke with the Board about an upcoming meeting with the City manager, three prospective landfill lots for Distribution, and the draft Preliminary Engineering Report from HR Green.

Mr. Bogner shared with the Board, the recommended annual wage increase. The increase was based on current industry trends and cost of living. The Board requested wage information from

other water utilities in a comparative chart for the next budget renewal. After some discussion, the following resolution was adopted, RES. #1182, the Board hereby approves the annual wage increase for all Waterworks employees and a one-time payout for Union employees in addition to the bargained pay increase effective July 1, 2023, as presented. Moved by Trustee Crenshaw and seconded by Trustee Long. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on July 26, 2023, at 2:30 P.M.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Bogner, Secretary

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Michael Hickey, Chairman Pro-Tem