

KEOKUK MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS
SUMMARY OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 24, 2023

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

Chairman Boyd opened the regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Long and seconded by Trustee Peyton, that the minutes from the previous meeting of September 20, 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. The MIOX cells and membranes have been running well. Repairs are being done on the high service pump casing and Plant employees switched a valve out on cone #2. Mr. Maddox informed the Board that they have hired a new employee for the Plant Operator Trainee position. The river levels have been very low. There are no safety issues to report.

Mr. Johnston presented the Board with monthly charts and informed the Board of the work that has been done. Distribution has been continuing to patch where they replaced the 2" main. There are no safety issues to report this month.

Ms. Barnes discussed monthly financials, budget, operating expenses, and water sales to date. Ms. Barnes informed the Board that InfoSend sent out the late notices and the regular monthly statements. There were a few problems with the statements, but InfoSend was helpful in making corrections. Ms. Barnes also informed the Board that the preliminary audit draft should be ready before the November Board meeting.

Mr. Bogner spoke with the Board about the PFAS settlement, after some discussion, the following resolution was adopted, RES. #1184, the Board hereby authorizes participation in the Multi-District Litigation settlements for PFAS contamination with DuPont (and others) and 3M. Moved by Trustee Crenshaw and seconded by Trustee Long. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bogner discussed rates with the Board and stated that we will need to continue raising rates to stay up with inflation and to support capital. Further discussion will be held at the November Board meeting.

Mr. Bogner discussed other topics with the Board such as Alliant Energy, the Bargaining Unit Contract, Bently's Splash Pad, the landfill property, and the membrane skids. Mr. Bogner spoke with the Board about Alliant Energy's proposed rate increase. Mr. Bogner informed the Board that the Bargaining Unit Contract negotiations would begin in January 2024. Bently's Splash Pad used a total of two million gallons of water over the summer. The City Council is having a public hearing about the landfill property and the city attorney is working on agreements with the property owners. Mr. Bogner shared a quote for the Membranes skid 3 and 4. More details for approval will be held at the November Board meeting.

Mr. Bogner presented the option of hiring two Operator Trainees at the Plant due to the time it takes to get certifications. Discussion was held regarding a wage survey. A Board member informed the Board that he will be resigning from the Board by the end of the January.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on November 15, 2023, at 2:30 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
David Bogner, Secretary

Kimberly Boyd, Chairman