

CWEP

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2021

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session October 21, 2021, 4:00 p.m. at the CWEP Office, 627 W Centennial, Carthage, MO.

Board:

☒ G. Stephen Beimdiek- President
☒ Danny Lambeth -Vice President
☐ Ron Ross -Secretary
☒ Alan Snow -Liaison

☒ Brian Schmidt - Member
☒ Pat Goff – Member
☒ Darren Collier - Member

Staff:

☒ Chuck Bryant-General Manager
☒ Cassandra Ludwig-General Counsel
☒ Jason Peterson-Director IT & Broadband
☒ Megan Stump- Executive Assistant
☒ Meagan Milliken-Customer Relations Mgr.

☒ Jason Choate-Director of Water Services
☒ Kelli Nugent/CFO
☒ Kevin Emery-Director of Power Services
☒ Stephanie Howard-Director of Business & ED

President Beimdiek called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Collier and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2021, as presented, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

A motion by Goff and seconded by Schmidt to approve disbursements for September in the amount of \$5,241,945.36, passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

CFO Nugent presented the financials for September noting that the net income for the company exceeded budget for the month and year to date by \$151,910 and \$998,778, respectfully. Operating revenues for the company exceeded budget for the month and year to date by \$590,109 and \$1,237,931. Expenses for the company were higher than budget for the month and year to date by \$442,495 and \$238,841, respectively. She reported that power and water loss percentages are -16.18% and 4.23%, respectively.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Goff to approve September financials passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD:

President Beimdiek welcomed Bren Flanigan to the Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OUR LINEMEN FOR MUTUAL AID WORK ASSISTANCE IN ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA & LORMAN, MISSISSIPPI

General Manager Bryant acknowledged the mutual aid work of our linemen, Chance Adams, Jeff Moore, Chris Perry, and Justin Ralston noting that they exhibited exemplary behavior in representing Carthage Water and Electric Plant and the citizens of the Carthage community. The Lineman reported on their experience and what they had learned while helping the community of Alexandria, Louisiana and Lorman, Mississippi after a hurricane crossed through the area and caused severe damage to their electrical system.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Goff to approve the resolution; motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOW VOLTAGE BUSHING REPLACEMENT

General Manager Bryant reported a formal request was issued seeking proposals for replacing low voltage bushings and electrical testing on CWEP's substation transformer 3-1, located at the corner of Vine Street and Parsons Street. He noted a project site tour took place with three vendors attending. One vendor, Delta Star, Inc., submitted a proposal, and one vendor declined as they were unable to provide this type of service work and would have required a subcontractor.

Delta Star, Inc provided a proposal in the amount of \$36,346.00. Bryant noted CWEP's electrical distribution department is requesting an additional four bushings for \$1,910.00 each to maintain inventory.

With the board's approval, GM Bryant recommends awarding this project with additional materials to Delta Star, Inc. in the amount of \$43,986.00

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Goff to award this purchase with the additional bushings to Delta Star Inc. in the amount of \$43,986.00, passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

General Manager Bryant gave an update on Sikeston, he noted a couple substantial outages occurred this month. He gave an update on the Lighting in the park project. GM Bryant updated the Board on the AMI project progress and thanked employees for assistance in community events.

CFO Nugent mentioned the hiring of Jim Willis as the new Inventory Control Coordinator and will be working with Curtis Maxwell for the next few months.

General Counsel Ludwig discussed the AMI system notifications and gave an update on the mobile app progress and open enrollment.

Director of Power Services Emery updated the Board on progress with SWPA pertaining to the transformer in the SWPA substation

Customer Relations Manager Milliken gave an update on recent community event participation and mentioned the meals that had been prepared and served for the sports teams.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

At 5:22 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

President – Steve Beimdiek

Secretary – Ron Ross