

CWEP

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2023

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session June 15, 2023, 4:00 p.m. at the CWEP Office, 627 W Centennial, Carthage, MO.

Board:

☒ Danny Lambeth- President	☒ Brian Schmidt - Member
☒ Ron Ross- Vice President	☒ Pat Goff – Member
☒ Darren Collier -Secretary	☒ G. Stephen Beimdiek- Member
☒ Alan Snow -Liaison	

Staff:

☒ Chuck Bryant-General Manager	☐ Jason Choate-Director of Water Services
☒ Cassandra Ludwig-General Counsel	☐ Kelli Nugent/CFO
☒ Jason Peterson-Director of IT & Broadband	☒ Kevin Emery-Director of Power Services
☒ Megan Kirby- Executive Assistant	☒ Stephanie Howard-Director of Business & ED

President Lambeth called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Goff and seconded by Beimdiek to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023, as presented, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Collier to approve disbursements for April in the amount of \$3,944,144.89, passed unanimously.

A motion by Ross and seconded by Beimdiek to approve disbursements for April in the amount of \$5,454,397.62, passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

GM Bryant presented the financials for April; he noted operating revenues were above or in line with budget across all departments. He reported monthly operating expenses for all departments combined were under budget, and year to date combined operating expenses are over budget mainly due to power costs from early in the year.

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Beimdiek to approve April financials passed unanimously.

GM Bryant presented the financials for May; he noted operating revenues were above or in line with budget across all departments. He reported monthly net income for all departments combined exceeded budget, operating expenses for all departments combined were slightly over budget and year to date the combined operating expenses were over budget mainly due to power costs from early in the year.

A motion by Ross and seconded by Beimdiek to approve May financials passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR SUBSTATION 1 CONTROL HOUSE FOOTING AND GRADING

General Manager Bryant announced the Substation 1 control house project, located on River Street, will require a specifically engineered footing and grading design for the concrete construction work. The project can be completed through the current General Construction and Operational Maintenance Repair Services contract with Randy Dubry Construction.

GM Bryant noted that due to the complexity of the project, CWEP requested Allgeier, Martin and Associates to assist with the engineered drawings and detailed scope for this project.

Randy Dubry Construction provided a project bid of \$156,918.00, which will include all construction materials and labor. GM Bryant recommends that CWEP approves this project to Randy Dubry Construction in the amount of \$156,918.00

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Collier to award this Substation 1 control house footing and grading project to Randy Dubry Construction in the amount of \$156,918.00, passed unanimously.

SELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024:

Goff reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presenting a slate of officers for the upcoming year as follows: President- Brian Schmidt, Vice President- Ron Ross, and Secretary- Darren Collier.

A motion by Goff and seconded by Beimdiek to approve the slate of officers as presented passed unanimously with terms to take effect in July 2023.

STAFF REPORTS:

General Manager Bryant updated the Board on market conditions and capacity factors, he noted he attended State Electric commission meetings this week. He gave an update on Plum Point and Sikeston. He reported SAIDI and CAIDI numbers continue to see better numbers than national and state levels. GM Bryant acknowledged that CWEP has entered SPPs Aggregate Study Process to secure long-term firm transmission for Dogwood Energy as well as an additional 2 MW of transmission for Plum Point. He noted Fiber installs keep increasing on a monthly basis.

General Council and Director of Customer Relations Ludwig reported the new website will go live next week, she commended Customer Relations Manager Meagan Milliken for being the lead on that project and thanked Customer Service Manager Shawnte Wofford and HR and Safety Coordinator Kyle Fewin for all their efforts as well. Ludwig provided the Board with updated rate comparison data. She announced Thursday, July 13th there will be an old-fashioned ice cream social held in Central Park to help celebrate CWEP's 125th Anniversary. Ludwig also mentioned on Saturday, June 24th, CWEP will be hosting a CWEP Kiddieland Day from 2-5pm in honor of CWEP's 125th anniversary.

Director of Power Services Emery noted power prices are staying low. He reported Sikeston is online and running well.

Director of Business and Economic Development Howard noted she attended the Missouri Economic Development Summer conference.

Director of IT and Broadband Services Peterson gave a fiber deployment update.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Secretary Collier noted the new paint job on the North water tower looks great.

Board Member Goff complimented those employees that took the time to attend and speak at the city council meeting this week.

At 5:08 pm a motion by Ross and seconded by Schmidt to close a portion of the meeting into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(3) of the Sunshine Law, passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

Beimdiek: Aye

Collier: Aye

Goff:	Aye
Lambeth:	Aye
Ross:	Aye
Schmidt:	Aye

The meeting then went into closed session.

At 5:53, the meeting reconvened in open session.

At 5:54, a motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Collier to adjourn the meeting, passed unanimously.

President – Danny Lambeth

Secretary – Darren Collier