

CWEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2021

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session August 26, 2021, 4:00 p.m. at the CWEP Office, 627 W Centennial, Carthage, MO.

Board:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Stephen Beimdiek- President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Schmidt - Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Lambeth -Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pat Goff – Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Ross -Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darren Collier - Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alan Snow -Liaison | |

Staff:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Bryant-General Manager | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Choate-Director of Water Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassandra Ludwig-General Counsel | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelli Nugent/CFO |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Peterson-Director IT & Broadband | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Emery-Director of Power Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Stump- Executive Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Howard-Director of Business & ED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meagan Milliken-Customer Relations Mgr. | |

President Beimdiek called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Goff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2021, as presented, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

A motion by Goff and seconded by Schmidt to approve disbursements for June in the amount of \$3,413,981.89, passed unanimously.

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Lambeth to approve disbursements for July in the amount of \$5,424,789.68, passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

General Manager Bryant presented the financials for June noting that the net income for the company was short budget for the month by \$71,000 and exceeded budget for the year by \$5,900,000 respectively. Operating revenues for the company exceeded budget for the month by \$41,000 and \$1,600,000 for the year. Expenses exceeded budget for the month by \$133,600 but were less than budget for the year by \$4,100,000 primarily due to the Electric department.

He reported that power and water loss percentages ended the fiscal year at 3.45% and 9.18%, respectively.

A motion by Goff and seconded by Schmidt to approve June financials passed unanimously.

General Manager Bryant presented the financials for July noting that all departments began the year strong with net income for the company exceeding both budget and prior year for the month. Operating revenues for the company exceeded budget for the month and prior year by \$421,598 and \$298,695, respectively. Expenses were lower than budget for the month and prior year by \$321,691 and \$136,385, respectively. He reported that power and water loss percentages for the month were 8.05% and 8.54%, respectively.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Schmidt to approve July financials passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF VISU-SEWER CURED-IN-PLACE (CIPP) PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

General Manager Bryant noted Visu-Sewer provided a proposal for installing Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) which includes cleaning and inspection of CWEP's collections system. The 2021 CIPP proposed cost for this project is \$405,138.44 and will include all labor, material, and equipment.

GM Bryant recommends Visu-Sewer of Missouri be granted permission to proceed with this CIPP project.

A motion by Ross and seconded by Goff to grant permission to Visu-Sewer to proceed with this CIPP project, passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK

General Manager Bryant reported the water distribution department is seeking to purchase a new dump truck that was budgeted for the current fiscal year. MHC-Kenworth, of Joplin, will have a 2022 model T880 dump truck available for immediate purchase in the next few weeks. After reviewing specifications and available options on several truck manufacturers, this vehicle will meet all the specifications and requirements of the department. CWEP may also purchase

this vehicle on a cooperative contract in the amount of \$163,699.00. GM Bryant recommends moving forward with the purchase of this dump truck from MHC-Kenworth, of Joplin.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Schmidt to proceed with the purchase of this dump truck from MHC-Kenworth, of Joplin, passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD EXPLORER

General Manager Bryant announced the request for approval of the purchase of a new 2022 Ford Explorer which was budgeted for the new fiscal year. This vehicle meets CWEP's specifications and will be purchased from Joe Machens for Lincoln under the MoDOT contract in the amount of \$28,414.00.

A motion by Goff and seconded by Lambeth to approve the purchase of a New 2022 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$28,414.00, passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DODGE DIESEL PICKUP TRUCK

General Manager Bryant noted a request to proceed with the purchase of a new 2022 Dodge Diesel, ¾ ton, 4X4, crew cab pickup truck for the electrical distribution department. After reviewing vehicle options, this heavy-duty truck is available on a cooperative contract from Landmark Dodge Chrysler Jeep, in Independence, Missouri. In the amount of \$57,784.74 with a lead time of approximately 180 days. This vehicle includes all specifications that will meet the department's operational needs.

A motion by Ross and seconded by Schmidt to approve the purchase of a new 2022 Dodge Diesel, ¾ ton, 4X4, crew cab pickup truck, passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF A CORE NETWORK UPGRADE

General Manager Bryant reported a request to proceed with purchasing four core access routers that will upgrade CWEP's network. This purchase will include all correlating software, licensing, and support. All products may be purchased on a cooperative contract from BlueAlly in the amount of \$133,733.25.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Goff to proceed with the purchase of this core network upgrade, passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

General Manager Bryant gave a Sikeston update. He noted a meeting was held with Lockwood where CWEP provided an adjusted rate schedule and discussions were made about additional services CWEP could bring to the table that would help Lockwood out and benefit CWEP. Bryant mentioned the Demand Management Program and ESG rating to the Board. He reported the

MPUA Lineman training that is usually held in Springfield every year has been moved to Carthage.

General Counsel Ludwig noted new staff members in Customer Service have started and are doing a great job, with the new AMI switch they are learning quite a bit.

Director of Power Services Emery noted the crews are really busy. He reported a Mutual Aid request to Alexandria, Louisiana for hurricane relief was received today. Jeff Moore, Chance Adams, Justin Ralston and Chris Perry are the four that have volunteered to help out.

Director of Water Services Choate gave an update on all the projects the water crews are currently working on.

Director IT and Broadband Peterson gave a fiber and AMI update.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Pat Goff commended the electric department for taking care of him.

Board Member Darren Collier noted the AMI switch out occurred at his office location and the crews were very professional, the switch out went very smoothly.

At 5:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

President – Steve Beimdiek

Secretary – Ron Ross