

# CWEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2021

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session September 16, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelli Nugent/CFO                           |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Howard-Director of Business & ED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meagan Milliken-Customer Relations Mgr. |  |

Vice President Lambeth called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Ross to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2021, as presented, passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**

A motion by Ross and seconded by Beimdiek to approve disbursements for August in the amount of \$4,256,950.06, passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

CFO Nugent presented the financials for August noting that the net income for the company exceeded budget for the month and year to date by \$102,265 and \$846,868, respectfully. Operating revenues for the company exceeded budget for the month and year to date by \$226,223 and \$647,821. Expenses for the company were higher than budget for the month by \$118,037, but lower than budget year to date by \$203,654. She reported that power and water loss percentages are 8.13% and 14.10%, respectively.

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Goff to approve August financials passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL**

General Counsel Ludwig reviewed the proposal from Cox Health Insurance for renewing the existing plan as is with no change in coverage and 4% decrease in premium. Tobacco policies will also stay the same, tobacco users will pay 25% of the cost of their premiums.

A motion by Collier and seconded by Ross to accept the Cox Partners 80 Plan, with no change in coverage and 4% decrease in premium, passed unanimously. Beimdiek was present in the meeting but abstained from voting.

General Counsel Ludwig reviewed the proposal from Principal and Delta Dental for Dental insurance. Ludwig proposed to accept Delta Dental's plan as it was the best networking option.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Ross to accept the Delta Dental insurance proposal, passed unanimously. Beimdiek was present in the meeting but abstained from voting.

General Counsel Ludwig reviewed the proposal from VSP for Vision insurance renewing the existing plan as is with no change in coverage.

A motion by Goff and seconded by Schmidt to accept the VSP Vision insurance proposal, passed unanimously. Beimdiek was present in the meeting but abstained from voting.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIAL FOR THE COOLING TOWERS**

General Manager Bryant reported an informal proposal was issued seeking materials to rebuild two cooling towers at CWEP's Power plant located at 300 S. River Street, in Carthage, MO. Proposals were received from Sys-Kool, LLC in the amount of \$27,980.00 and Midwest Machinery Co. for \$50,602.00 Both proposals came in higher than the department anticipated and exceeded CWEP's threshold amount for formal bidding.

With consideration of the proposal results, GM Bryant recommends awarding this purchase to Sys-Kool, LLC in the amount of \$27,980.00.

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Ross to award this purchase to Sys-Kool, LLC in the amount of \$27,980.00, passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF OPENING A MONEY MARKET SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH GUARANTY BANK**

The Board discussed opening a money market savings account at Guaranty Bank to invest surplus funds. On a motion by Schmidt and seconded by Collier, the Board voted unanimously to open an account(s) for this purpose.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

General Manager Bryant gave a natural gas price update. He noted RICE performance evaluations took place and all engines performed well. He reported a couple large outages occurred over the month including a 3-phase pole that broke in municipal park. Bryant acknowledged Jeff Moore, Justin Ralston, Chance Adams, and Chris Perry for volunteering to participate in the Mutual Aid request to assist gulf coast utilities with restoration efforts after Hurricane Ida. He commended them for all their efforts and for representing the company well. He reported McClanahan is finishing up the list of items left to wrap up our Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade project. He also noted drain valves have been replaced in the sodium hypochlorite tanks and appear to be holding so far. Bryant gave an update on the Fiber and AMI projects. He reported the Inventory Control Coordinator job opening has been filled.

General Counsel Ludwig gave an update regarding the Kiosk in the drive thru. Ludwig noted Public Power Week is approaching with lots of fun activities planned for that week.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

At 5:27 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

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President – Steve Beimdiek

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Secretary – Ron Ross