

CWEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2022

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session June 16, 2022, 4:00 p.m. at the CWEP Office, 627 W Centennial, Carthage, MO.

Board:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Stephen Beimdick- 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 type="checkbox"/> Cassandra Ludwig-General Counsel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelli Nugent/CFO |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Peterson-Director of IT & Broadband | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Emery-Director of Power Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Kirby- Executive Assistant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Howard-Director of Business & ED |

President Beimdick called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Collier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2022, as presented, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Schmidt to approve disbursements for April in the amount of \$5,910,085.03, passed unanimously.

A motion by Goff and seconded by Ross to approve disbursements for May in the amount of \$4,169,655.52, passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

CFO Nugent presented the financials for April, she noted consolidated operating revenues are slightly ahead of budget for the month. She reported higher power costs as a result of elevated natural gas prices, transmission congestion, and Sikeston plant outages have contributed to higher expenses for the month.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Collier to approve April financials passed unanimously.

CFO Nugent presented the financials for May, she noted consolidated operating revenues are ahead of budget for the month and consolidated operating expenses are under budget for the month for all departments.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

General Manager Bryant introduced the following new employees to the Board: Katie Reynolds- Customer Service Representative; William York- Water Distribution Collections Operator; Cody Stockdale- Water Distribution Collections Operator; Chad Muller- Water Distribution Collections Operator; Jordan Cox- Communications Field Technician; Heath Schooling- Communications Field Technician; Kevin Williams- IT Help Desk Technician; Tyler Holzwarth- Power Plant Maintenance B

CONSIDERATION TO EXTEND FY 2021-22-03 RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE PURCHASING POLICY

General Manger Bryant noted with the procurement issue the country is going through is not improving, and a request has been made to extend the resolution that temporarily suspends the purchasing policy until June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Goff and seconded by Schmidt to extend the resolution that suspends the purchasing policy until June 30, 2023, passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

General Manager Bryant welcomed Mayor Dan Rife to the Board. Mayor Dan Rife gave an update to the Board on where the city stands regarding the partnership with CWEP on funding the Carthage Economic Development Corporation (CEDC). He noted the city is ready to move forward but is requesting some assistance from CWEP for the city's part in funding the CEDC. The Mayor and the CWEP Board both agree that establishing an MOU for a 5-year funding process will be best moving forward. Mayor Dan Rife felt the Council will find benefit in an MOU and agree to the planned funding.

After Discussion, a motion made by Ross and seconded by Collier to partner with the city in funding the CEDC, passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2022-23-01 RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR CURTIS MAXWELL

General Manager Bryant recognized the retirement of Inventory Control Coordinator Curtis Maxwell, reading a resolution in his honor. GM Bryant thanked Maxwell for his NEARLY 35 years of faithful service. Curtis expressed his love and appreciation for his job and thanked CWEP for all their support in his term.

A motion by Ross and seconded by Lambeth to approve the retirement resolution for Curtis Maxwell, passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE FINAL CLARIFIER LAUNDER COVERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

General Manager Bryant noted bids were received for final clarifier launder covers from three contractors, with G&G Construction Company Inc. being the low bidder in the amount of \$178,000, which was less than the estimated construction cost.

GM Bryant recommends awarding this project to G&G Construction, as they can perform the work as specified.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Goff to award this project to G&G Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$178,000, passed unanimously.

CONSIDERTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ARPA GRANT FUNDING FOR WATER PROJECTS

General Manager Bryant reported the State has released their requirements for ARPA funding and presented the resolution authorizing the filing of an application for ARPA grant funding for water projects.

A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Collier to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an application for ARPA Grand funding for water projects, passed unanimously.

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A motion by Lambeth and seconded by Collier to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an application for ARPA Grand funding for wastewater projects, passed unanimously.

SELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

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

A motion by Goff and seconded by Schmidt to approve the slate of officers as presented passed unanimously with terms to take effect in July 2022.

STAFF REPORTS:

General Manager Bryant gave an update on the current market conditions with gas prices, coal supply and congestion being an issue.

Director of IT & Broadband Peterson noted 300 homes have been passed with fiber and a lot of material has been coming in.

Director of Water Services Choate reported the SIPP project will start next week.

Director of Business & ED Howard reported she attended an Economic Development conference this week about funding coming in.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Pat Goff thanked Steve Beimdiek for his service as Board President.

At 5:22 p.m. a motion by Lambeth 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.

At 6:19 p.m. the meeting reconvened in open session. A motion by Goff and seconded by Collier to amend the contract of General Manager Bryant, passed unanimously.

At 6:20 p.m. a motion by Ross and seconded by Collier to adjourn the meeting, passed unanimously.

President – Steve Beimdiek

Secretary – Ron Ross