

Utility Service Board Meeting
July 26, 2012

Members Present: Sue Siefert, Tim Dietz, Arnold Kirschner, Clifford Nordmeyer

Member(s) Absent: Henry Pictor

Also Present: Comptroller Douglas Browne, Water Manager Steve Wintz, Gas Manager Scott Bauer, Clerk/Treasurer Ron Weigel, Mayor Rick Fledderman, Kevin Chaffee and Mary Mattingly

Chairperson Sue Siefert called the meeting of the Utility Service Board to order at 12:00 noon at the Mayor's Conference Room.

Mr. Nordmeyer moved to accept the minutes of the June 28th Utility Service Board meeting. Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wintz presented the Water Operations Report and Mr. Bauer presented the Gas Operations Report to the Board.

Mr. Browne then presented the Financial Reports. Mr. Browne recommended investing \$300,000 for 3 months, only if the interest rate is more than 0.50%. Otherwise, the cash is not to be invested. Mr. Kirschner moved to approve the Investment recommendations, Operations, Financial and Investment Reports. Mr. Nordmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Claims for July were next discussed. Mr. Dietz moved to approve the Claims for this month. Mr. Nordmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wintz and Mr. Bauer presented the Capital Improvements Report for June to the Board.

Mr. Browne informed the Board he had hired Debbie Rippetoe for the part-time office clerk position, with starting date to be July 30, 2012.

Mr. Wintz informed the Board that Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates, Inc. is reviewing the Laughery Creek study for free.

Mr. Wintz updated the Board on the progress being made by Rob Seig of Seig & Associates, Inc. for engineering services he is performing to evaluate the current capacity of the Bischoff Reservoir.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the current drought conditions and the amount of current daily water usage. Mr. Wintz informed the Board that there has been some usage reduction since the water use reduction restriction was publicly announced. Mr. Wintz is monitoring the usage of large users. Any further steps which might need to be taken to encourage water conservation will be discussed at next month's Board meeting.

Mr. Browne presented to the Board for consideration a written "adjustment policy." Mr. Kirschner moved to approve the policy as written. Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pete Goldsmith has indicated to Mr. Wintz that Pete is interested in selling his house to the Utility. The Board agreed by acclamation to allow Mr. Wintz to get an appraisal of the Goldsmith house, as long as Connie Goldsmith is also on board with selling the property.

The wetland project was next discussed. Mr. Dietz moved to allow JF New for \$9,385 to proceed with planting the trees to restore and/or convert the land to wetland, with the provision that it is determined where the trees are to be planted and it is determined who is to take care of the trees for the first year. Mr.

Kirschner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Utility Service Board will be Thursday August 30, 2012 at 12:00 noon at the Mayor's Conference Room, in the Memorial Building.

Chairperson
Sue Siefert

Secretary
Douglas Browne