

CWEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2022

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session December 15, 2022, 4:00 p.m. at the CWEP Office, 627 W Centennial, Carthage, MO.

Board:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Lambeth- President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Schmidt - Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Ross- Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pat Goff – Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darren Collier -Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Stephen Beimdiek- Member |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Peterson-Director of IT & Broadband | <input checked="" 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 Lambeth called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Collier and seconded by Beimdiek to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2022, as presented, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Ross to approve disbursements for November in the amount of \$4,741,107.38, passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

CFO Nugent presented the financials for November; she noted revenues exceeded or were in line with budgets for all departments. She reported operating expenses for all departments combined came in under budget, she noted although operating expenses were below budget for all departments, dispositions of assets in electric and water drove down overall net position but was accounted for in the budget numbers.

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PURCHASE OF A 2023 CREW CAB TRUCK

General Manager Bryant noted the purchasing department has been searching for months for a new pickup truck for the meter services department. Recently, a fleet dealer located a truck that met the specifications for the department and was available for immediate purchase. Putnam Chevrolet offered the truck to CWEP for \$44,000.00 which included a cooperative contract discount and delivery. This vehicle was also within the budget amount.

GM Bryant noted due to supply chain issues and pursuant to CWEP's suspended purchasing policy, CWEP proceeded with the opportunity to purchase this vehicle from Putnam Chevrolet in the amount of \$44,000.00.

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Collier to accept the purchase of the 2023 Crew cab truck in the amount of \$44,000.00, passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

General Manager Bryant gave an update on MPUA, he noted he attended a TYR energy meeting and reported how great of a reputation CWEP has not only with the state association but also with other utilities all over. Bryant reported the company Christmas Party was a great success. GM Bryant commended CFO Nugent on all her efforts with the large electrical finance project. He noted there has been a lot of compliments regarding Sparkle in the Park.

CFO Nugent updated the Board on the status of closing for the financing of the electrical work, she appreciated all the help from Baker Tilly, Gilmore and Bell and Piper Sandler.

General Counsel & Director of Customer Relations Ludwig noted the customer satisfaction survey is closed and results should be reported within the next couple of months.

Director of Power Services Emery noted crews work on replacement lights in central park a couple times a week. He reported crews have also been busy with primary extensions for individual customers.

Director of Water Services Choate gave an update of the status of grant money.

Director of IT and Broadband Peterson gave an update on the fiber project, he also noted staff is working on gathering and collecting data regarding the blinks that have been occurring, hoping this will identify squirrel hotspots.

Director of Business & ED Howard reported a new Economic Development CEO has been hired.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board President Lambeth expressed his appreciation to staff and all their efforts.

At 5:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

President – Danny Lambeth

Secretary – Darren Collier