

# CWEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2021

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session February 18, 2021, 4:00 p.m. at the CWEP Office, 627 W Centennial, Carthage, MO.

**Board:**

- G. Stephen Beimdiek- President
- Danny Lambeth -Vice President
- Ron Ross -Secretary
- Alan Snow -Liaison

- Brian Schmidt - Member
- Pat Goff – Member
- Neel Baucom - Member

**Staff:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Bryant-General Manager     | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Howard-Director of Business & ED        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Megan Milliken-Customer Relations Mgr.      |  |

Vice President Lambeth called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion by Ross and seconded by Beimdiek to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2021 as presented, passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**

A motion by Goff and seconded by Ross to approve disbursements for January in the amount of \$3,275,531.27, passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

CFO Nugent presented the financials for January noting that the net income for the company exceeded budget for the month and year to date by \$399,737 and \$1,399,088, respectively. Operating revenues for the company exceeded budget and prior year for the month. Expenses were lower than budget for the month by \$173,747. She noted in all departments, a significant variance continues in education and training because of COVID related travel constraints. She reported that power and water loss percentages for the month were 7.72% and 14.52%, respectively. The year to date are 2.68% and 4.30% for power and water, respectively.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

General Manager Bryant updated the Board on the crazy week of unprecedented temperatures and how it affected CWEP with what seemed like a years' worth of work in the last week. He informed the Board on all the components that are involved when situations like this week occur. He expressed his appreciation to the guys at Tyr Energy with how helpful they have been this week. Bryant noted CWEP has kept a full staff of employees morning and night at the Powerplant which meant pulling employees from other departments. James Pittman came over from electric distribution and Jonathan Bayless came over from the Fiber-optic system. Bryant credited Director of Power Services Emery and his staff on all the preventative maintenance they have taken to ensure the powerplant run smoothly in case of emergency situations like this.

Electrical Distribution Team Manager Derek Crowe gave the Board an update on what his crew have been up to this week. He noted other than a couple outages Sunday night, his crew have been pretty fortunate and have just been helping fill in the gaps and communicating with other departments, whether that means hauling rock or helping move equipment around. Crowe reported the tree trimming program has helped tremendously on lowering the number of outages and thanked the Board for allowing their department to spend the money on this effort.

Water Distribution/Collections Manager Cecil Howard updated the Board on what the last week has looked like for him and his crew. He reported they have worked 9 main breaks and replaced 1 fire hydrant since Last Thursday. He noted his crew has been pushing snow and spreading salt on all CWEP properties including the Centennial Complex, Water Treatment Plant, Power Plant and Wastewater Plant. He thanked the Board for approving money spent on water rehab as it has helped tremendously on main breaks during the cold temps. He expressed his appreciation to his crew and the electric crew on all their efforts.

CFO Nugent commended her Customer Service staff for a job well done during the rolling blackouts and thanked the Tech team for helping return phone calls.

General Counsel Ludwig updated the Board on COVID-related issue.

Director of Power Services Emery reported his guys performed exceptionally and expressed his appreciation.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

President Beimdiek showed his appreciation to all CWEP employees and their families during this crazy week. He noted CWEP has done an exceptional job of communication with the public.

Board Member Goff congratulated CWEP on a job well done.

At 5:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

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President – Steve Beimdiek

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Secretary – Ron Ross