

# CWEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2022

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session January 19, 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 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 December 15, 2022, as presented, passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Goff to approve disbursements for December in the amount of \$5,146,675.18, passed unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

CFO Nugent presented the financials for December; she noted operating revenues exceeded or were in line with budgets for all departments. She reported operating expenses for all departments combined were in line or under budget, she noted combined operating expenses were below budget.

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Ross to approve December financials passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD:**

General Manager Bryant welcomed Economic Development Chief Executive Officer, Jeff Meredith, to the meeting. Meredith introduced himself to the Board and gave an overview of what his plans are moving forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR SWPA- SUB 1 69KV LINE REBUILD PROJECT**

General Manager Bryant noted a formal request was issued seeking qualified contractors to construct the SWPA- Sub 1 69kV line rebuild project.

Proposals were received from BBC Electrical Services in the amount of \$2,396,826.00, Capital Electric Line Builders in the amount of \$3,100,885.00, and from Par Electrical Contractors, Inc. In the amount of \$3,728,523.59.

GM Bryant recommends awarding BBC Electrical Services in the amount of \$2,396,826.00 as they met all specifications and requirements of the request and offered the lowest project cost.

A motion by Goff and seconded by Collier to award this project to BBC Electrical Services in the amount of \$2,396,826.00, passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR A 16" GATE VALVE AND SERVICE INSTALLATION**

General Manager Bryant reported a formal invitation was issued seeking bids for the purchase and installation of a 16" gate valve. He noted CWEP received two bids for this project. Core and Mian submitted a bid in the amount of \$40,000.00, and Goins Enterprises, Inc. In the amount of \$51,000.00

GM Bryant recommended awarding this purchase to Core and Main for the purchase and installation services of this gate valve in the amount of \$40,000.00.

A motion by Ross and seconded by Schmidt to award this purchase to Core and Main in the amount of \$40,000.00, passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR SUBSTATION NO. 1 RELAY EQUIPMENT**

General Manager Bryant announced a formal request was issued seeking qualified vendors to supply new relay equipment for the upgrade at Substation No. 1. A proposal from Electrical

Power Products, Inc. In the amount of \$285,800.00 was received. Others solicited include SEL, Inc. Who did not bid and Crown Texas, Inc. Who declined the bid.

GM Bryant recommends awarding Electrical Power Products, Inc. with this project as they met the specifications and requirements of the request with the exception to liquidated damages that might be caused by supply chain delays.

A motion by Ross and seconded by Beimdiek to award this project to Electrical Power Products, Inc. in the amount of \$285,800.00, passed unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED BIDS FOR SUBSTATION 2 POWER TRANSFORMERS**

General Manager Bryant informed the Board of issues which arose after the Board awarded the Substation 2 transformer bid in November. The original bid was awarded to Prolec-GE Waukesha, but while CWEP's engineers were negotiating terms and conditions, Waukesha pushed the estimated delivery date back to February 2026, over a year past the original delivery estimate. With the need to have the transformer delivered prior to that date, particularly due to financing constraints, Allgeier, Martin & Associates reached back out to the other two lowest bidders, Pennsylvania Transformer Technology, Inc., and Niagra Power Transformer Corp., requesting updated bids from each.

After a discussion, GM Bryant noted CWEP has not placed the order with Waukesha, and has not spent any money towards the project, and recommended the Board select Pennsylvania Transformer Technology, Inc.'s revised proposal in the total amount of \$1,169,567.25, representing an increase in cost of \$82,860.25. Importantly, Pennsylvania Transformer Technology, Inc. committed to a lead time of 70 weeks after receipt of order, which will not be delayed as parties work through negotiation of terms and conditions.

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Goff to rescind the original bid award from November 2022 for Prolec-GE Waukesha and instead award this bid to Pennsylvania Transformer Technology, Inc. in the amount of 1,169,567.25, passed unanimously.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

General Manager Bryant updated the Board on progress made towards the acquisition of energy from the Dogwood Energy Facility through the Missouri Electric Commission. Bryant also discussed the status of the Sikeston Power Plant and options CWEP may have for capacity as that facility moves towards retirement.

General Counsel & Director of Customer Relations Ludwig noted the preliminary report for the customer satisfaction survey is in and a presentation will be made in February to discuss the results.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

At 5:36 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

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President – Danny Lambeth

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Secretary – Darren Collier