

CWEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2022

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

Board:

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| <input 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 |

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Beimdiek and seconded by Collier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2022, as presented, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

A motion by Goff and seconded by Collier to approve disbursements for August in the amount of \$5,668,330.89, passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

CFO Nugent presented the financials for August; she noted strong revenues for August were driven by increased electric and water demand due to hot and dry weather for the month. She reported communication revenues continue a growth trend more than originally forecasted. Nugent noted operating expenses for water and wastewater came in under budget and communication was right at budget for the month, electric operating expenses came in higher than budget once again, primarily due to increased purchase power costs, fuel oil, and natural gas.

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE RELOCATION OF THE RAW WATER SUPPLY MAIN FROM EAST CENTRAL BRIDGE

General Manger Bryant announced the bids that were submitted for the East Central Avenue raw water line relocation project have been reviewed and confirmed with Sprouls Construction, Inc of Lamar, Missouri as the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$201,300.00.

GM Bryant recommends awarding the construction contract to Sprouls Construction, Inc in the amount of \$201,300.00 for the water line relocation work.

A motion was made by Beimdiek and seconded by Collier to award the relocation of the raw water supply main from East Central bridge project in the amount of \$201,300.00, passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR AND ATTACHMENTS

General Manager Bryant reported proposals were received from several vendors for a utility tractor, brush hog, and grapple attachment for the water and wastewater departments. He noted this tractor will replace two of CWEP's current tractors. Crown Power and Equipment, in Monett, Missouri, proposed a Case IH 110C which the departments believe will offer the most efficient cab and power to meet CWEP's specifications. The tractor cost is \$76,673.10 and the grapple attachment, including installation, is an additional \$5,650.00

The brush hog unit the departments deem will perform best and be the most durable under the conditions it will be used for is a 2022 Rhino 3150. WCT Farm and Lawn in Strafford, Missouri, proposed \$23,740.00 for this unit.

Bryant reported the tractor, brush hog, and grapple are all available under cooperative contract agreements and are under CWEP's budgeted amount.

Bryant recommends awarding this purchase to Crown Power and Equipment and WCT Farm and Lawn and proceeding with order placements.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Goff to award this purchase of the Tractor and attachments to Crown Power and Equipment and WCT Farm and Lawn, passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

General Counsel Ludwig reviewed the proposal from Cox Health Insurance for renewing the existing plan as is with no change in coverage and no increase in premiums. Tobacco policies will also stay the same, tobacco users will pay 25% of the cost of their premiums.

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Collier to accept the Cox Partners 80 Plan, with no change in coverage and no change in premiums, passed unanimously. Beimdiek was present in the meeting but abstained from voting.

General Counsel Ludwig reviewed the proposal from Delta Dental for Dental insurance, with a slight increase of 6%. Ludwig proposed to accept Delta Dental's plan as it was the best networking option.

A motion by Collier and seconded by Goff to accept the Delta Dental insurance proposal, passed unanimously. Beimdiek was present in the meeting but abstained from voting.

General Counsel Ludwig reviewed the proposal from VSP for Vision insurance renewing the existing plan as is with no change in coverage.

A motion by Goff and seconded by Collier to accept the VSP Vision insurance proposal, passed unanimously. Beimdiek was present in the meeting but abstained from voting.

STAFF REPORTS:

General Manager Bryant noted the Carthage Economic Development Committee met this week and hope to hire a Director by this Fall.

General Counsel & Director of Customer Relations Ludwig announced Public Power Week will be the first week in October.

Director of Power Services Emery gave an overview of the events that occurred during the city-wide outage.

Director of IT and Broadband Peterson gave an update on the fiber project, noting there has been a large increase in the number of homes passed.

Director of Water Services Choate reported the power outage was a good test for the water and wastewater department, allowing them to evaluate and put plans in place to improve reliability of services.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

At 5:06 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

President – Danny Lambeth

Secretary – Darren Collier