

## **MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340**

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September 29, 2022

The Board of Public Works convened in a regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. Board members present were Ken Bryant, President; Steve Mills, Vice president; Spencer Fricke, Secretary; and Chuck Hines, Member. Also present were Dewey Hendrix, Mayor, and Tim Reeder, City Council Member.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Hines, with a vote of 3-0. The minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Hines, with a vote of 3-0.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root requested approval from the Board to continue the tree trimming/brush spraying contract with Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. for the fiscal year 2022/2023. This is the third year of a three-year contract. He stated they have just completed work for the 2021/2022 fiscal year and he would like to keep them on-site to begin the new fiscal year. Director Root also presented the Board with a price increase of 17% from Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. He stated that, because the contract was for three years, there was no way to foresee the inflation rates and need for a price increase. Mr. Mills made a motion to approve contract tree trimming for the fiscal year 2022/2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines, and approved by a vote of 3-0. Mr. Mills then made a motion to approve the amended rates for right-of-way maintenance with Poor Boy Tree Service Inc. as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Controller Tony Bersano reported that, in preparation for the annual audit, he had received the letter of understanding from Gerding, Korte & Chitwood. He requested the Board authorize the Board President to sign the letter. Mr. Hines made a motion to authorize the Board President to sign a letter of understanding for the September 30, 2022 audit with Gerding, Korte & Chitwood. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fricke, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported that crews were painting the exterior walls of reservoir #3. He was given a demonstration for rehabbing manholes. He continues to put together info for the ARPA application.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss reported on the filter media project. Contractors are scheduled to complete the project this week.

Electric Production Director Carl Crawford reported crews are working on repairing the damaged gasket on the recycle center boiler. Units #6, #10, and #11 have not run as much, due to cooler weather. He announced that Public Power Week is October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>; staff will be grilling hamburgers for the community on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the old Power Plant grounds located at 765 W. North Street.

IT & Broadband Director Widel reported crews had bored under Highway 41, completing the Lime Avenue area. He also indicated crews are caught up on installs for the grant.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Nolan Townsend reported the final clarifier will be tested on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the VFD's will ship next Friday, and the MCC's will ship next week.

During Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige's report, Mr. Mills commended employees for their year-to-date safety record.

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General Manager Jeff Bergstrom went over several items of the Peer Review Summary. The mission statements have been updated, Controller Bersano is working on calculating the water loss assessment monthly, and HR Manager Megan Baldrige is working on the succession plan.

General Manager Bergstrom has submitted the final public notice requirements to FEMA for the damage done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in June 2021. He has sent a copy of the bid documents for the second USDA broadband grant. He is corresponding with DNR regarding the ARPA funding applications. He is working on Time-of-Use rates and how to introduce them. Public Power Week is next week; Cargill has donated the meat for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> cookout. KMMO will be attending to talk about some of MMU's current projects. He will be attending the MPUA Annual Conference from October 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve and issue warrants from the following funds for cash disbursements to accounts payable.

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 191,100.92
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 276,268.66
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 63,984.61
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 44,717.83
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 110.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 576,182.50</b>

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Following a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Fricke, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:18 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
/s/ Spencer Fricke, Secretary