

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340

June 16, 2023

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 Steve Mills, President; Spencer Fricke, Vice President; Chuck Hines, Secretary, and Ken Bryant, Member.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Fricke, with a vote of 3-0. The June 1st Board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Fricke, seconded by Mr. Hines, with a vote of 3-0.

Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige presented a Head Protection Policy to the Board. She explained the current Hardhat Policy would be replaced with this policy as it contains updated language and no longer references the now-demolished power plant building. Mr. Hines made a motion to repeal the Hardhat Policy and adopt the presented Head Protection Policy, effective July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fricke and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Manager Baldrige congratulated Jedidiah Rife on being selected as Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ending March 31st. She added a conditional offer has been made for the Customer Service Representative opening, pending pre-employment screening, and Kyle O'Bryan has been promoted to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab Technician. As a result, applications are now being accepted for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss requested approval to purchase materials to replace the lime feed trough. The current one is deteriorated and will be replaced with stainless steel and installed using in-house labor. Mr. Bryant made a motion to purchase materials using quotes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Boss stated most of the material for the filter media replacement has arrived and the contractor is expected to be here to start in approximately two weeks. The vendor repairing the #2 basin flocculator stated it should be ready by the end of July. Ace Pipe Cleaning will begin cleaning the pipe between the aerator and the #2 primary basin on June 19th.

Electric Distribution Assistant Director James Kearney updated the Board on several projects. The new transformer at the Southeast Substation was energized June 14th and the load was switched over from the old transformer on June 15th. The conversion from overhead lines to underground in the walkway easement between North Drive and South Drive is complete; the next area will begin soon.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller reported BHMG was on site yesterday to perform NESHAP RICE testing on units #10 and #11; everything went well and they passed. The vibration issue on unit #7 has been fixed; adjustments were made to the governor.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported on the water main replacement on W. Clara Street; all services have been converted over to the new line. The sewer project is going well. The walk-behind concrete saw was delivered on June 9th and training for operating it was completed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins reported Midwest Injection has completed cleaning the biosolids from the North Aeration Basin, it is empty and the blowers have been shut off.

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The motor for the east bar screen arrived and was installed on June 9th. One of the two new dump trucks, replacing those damaged in the June 2021 flood, was received on June 15th.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported the crews have completed blowing in all the fiber in the YY area and have finished in the King area, except for a small section that overlaps the area of grant #2.

Controller Tony Bersano reported he has submitted the third request for reimbursement from USDA for grant #1. He has updated the electric rates from winter rates to summer rates. He participated in a conference call with Toth & Associates discussing time-of-use rates and provided them with additional information.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom provided an update on several items from the Peer Review Summary. He has not received any feedback on the meeting he, Controller Bersano, and Mr. Hines had with the mayor about the free utility services MMU provides to all the city facilities. He is reviewing the draft Succession Plan. MPUA will, in the next few weeks, be sending some time-of-use rate content that will assist in educating the public in the future. The IT & Broadband department cross-training and knowledge base documentation will be included in the Succession Plan.

General Manager Bergstrom then discussed the MPUA quarterly meetings he attended on June 14th and 15th.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 210,256.27
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,253,409.71
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 281,356.32
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 122,036.32
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 5,309.70
Total	\$ 1,872,368.32

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

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, June 29th, 2023.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Fricke, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:59 a.m. and passed by a vote of 3-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
/s/ Chuck Hines, Secretary